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Date.	Steamers.	Connecting at Aden with	Tons
1 26			
18 Dec.	RAWALPINDI		16,619
25 ,,	RANCHI ..	MACEDONIA* ..	11,089
1927			
1 Jan.	RANPURA ..		16,583
8 ,,	RANCHI ..	KOOLTANx ..	20,847
15 ,,	KAISAR-I-HIND ..		11,430
22 ,,	RAZMAK ..	MALWA* ..	10,940
29 ,,	RANCHI ..		16,650
5 Feb.	RAZMAK ..	MALOJAx ..	20,830
12 ,,	RAJPUTANA		16,568
19 ,,	RAZMAK ..	MOREA* ..	10,918
26 ,,	RAWALPINDI		16,619
5 Mar.	RAZMAK ..	NALDERA x ..	15,993
12 ,,	RANPURA ..		16,585
19 ,,	RAZMAK† ..		10,902
23 ,,	CHINA‖ ..		7,952
26 ,,	KAISAR-I-HIND ..		11,430
2 Apr.	NARKUNDA.x		16,227
9 ,,	RANCHI ..		16,650
16 ,,	RAZMAK† ..		10,602
23 ,,	RAJPUTANA.		16,568
30 ,,	MOOLTANx ..		20,847
7 May	RAWALPINDI.		16,619
14 ,,	RAZMAK ..	MALWA† ..	10,940
21 ,,	RANPURA ..		16,585
28 ,,	RAZMAK ..	MALOJAx ..	20,837
4 June	KAISAR-I-HIND ..		11,430

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Bombay to Port Said and Plymouth.

Date about.	Steamers.	Tons.
1926		
16th Dec.	MANELA ..	8,303
16th Mar. '27	DUMANA ..	8,127
24th ,,	MANDALA ..	8,246
14th April	MARGHA ..	8,258
5th May	DOMALA ..	8,441

On most of the P. and O. Mail Steamers and on the B.I. Home Line Steamers cots for infants are available at a charge of £3 for the voyage. Application for these cots should be made well in advance.

P. & O. SAILINGS TO COLOMBO, STRAITS CHINA, JAPAN and AUSTRALIA.

1926		
21st Dec.	DEVANHA ..	China & Japan
	MOLDAVIA ..	At Colombo for Australia
28th ,,	ALIPORE ..	Straits, China & Japan
1927		
4th Jan.	DELTA ..	China & Japan
	NALDERA ..	At Colombo for Australia
11th ,,	NELLORE ..	China & Japan
	CHITRAL ..	At Colombo for Australia
1st Feb.	NYANZA ..	China & Japan
	NARKUNDA ..	At Colombo for Australia

SHIPPING

N. Y. K. LINE

SINGAPORE CHINA & JAPAN

Steamers.	Tons.	Arrive.	Leave
*AWA MARU	6028	2 Dec.	15 Dec.
TOKUSHIMA M	5976	18 Dec.	30 Dec.
MOJI MARU	3757	21 Dec.	0 ,,
SADO MARU	5898	29 Dec.	12 Jan.
YAMAGATA M.	3807	7 Jan.	21 Jan.
GENOA MARU.	6785	13 Jan.	30 Jan.

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TO AFRICA, KARACHI, PERSIAN GULF, TUTICORIN, COLOMBO, MADRAS, CALCUTTA & RANGOON.

1926.		
11th Dec.	CHAKLA ..	Karachi via Kathiawar coast ports
13th ,,	VITA ..	Karachi via Kathiawar coast ports.
15th ,,	BARALA ..	Busreh via Karachi & P. Gulf.
17th ,,	VARSOVA ..	Busreh via Karachi
22nd ,,	KAROA ..	East & S. Africa.

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Capital Issued	50,00,000
Capital Subscribed	50,00,000
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Capital Paid up upto 30-6-26 ...	30,92,651

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Delhi	Karachi	Sangla Hill
D. I. Khan	Kasur	Sargodha
Ferozepore	Lahore City	Sialkot City
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A 1327

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The Editor undertakes no responsibility for the return of unaccepted photographs, but every endeavour will be made to return rejected photographs, accompanied by stamped addressed envelopes. All photographs must be sent to the

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T R1297

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T R1323

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A WARNING.

A certain unknown person has stolen a block of our official printed memorandum forms (size 6"x4½") bearing our name in prominent letters, and has been giving orders on them for various articles and materials to various merchants, signing in the personal name of one or other of our agents' firm viz., Mathuradas Vassanji, Karsondas Vassanji, Vithaldas Kanji or Hansraj Gokuldas, and fraudulently taking delivery of goods. We have therefore to warn the public that whenever such orders are presented no out and out delivery of articles should be made to the person bringing such an order. When there appears to be a strong suspicion, we shall thank the public to hand over the man to the police.

For the Wallace Flour Mills Co. Ltd.,

VISSANJI SONS & CO.,

Agents.

Bombay, 11.12.26.

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THE SITE offered is in front of the Sydenham College of Commerce and opposite Victoria Terminus. It admeasures about 3,116 square yards with a frontage of 119 feet on Hornby Road. Two more frontages of 195 feet and 216 feet are possible on proposed side roads.

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3. For plans and forms of conditions and agreement apply to undersigned, by whom offers will be received:—

THE LAND MANAGER.

Development Directorate,

Old Custom House Yard, Fort, Bombay.

27733

PUBLIC NOTICES.

THE BARSI SPINNING & WEAVING MILLS, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the NINETEENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the shareholders of the Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, No. 17-B, Elphinstone Circle, Fort, Bombay, on MONDAY, the 20th December, 1926, at 5 p.m. (S. T), to transact the following business:—

1. To receive and adopt the Directors' Report and the audited Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Account for the year ended 31st December, 1925.
2. To confirm the appointment of Directors made by the Board of Directors.
3. To elect two Directors in the place of those who retire by rotation but are eligible for re-election.
4. To appoint Auditors for the year 1926 and to fix their remuneration.
5. To transact any other business that the Chairman may bring before the Meeting.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

V. N. BHAJEKAR.

Chairman.

N B.—The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 21st December, 1926 to 31st December, 1926, both days inclusive.

27819

THE E. D. SASSOON UNITED MILLS, LD CLOTH SHOP.

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27717

TENDERS.

BHAVNAGAR STATE RAILWAY.

NOTICE

TENDERS ARE INVITED by the above-named Railway for the supply of Consumable Stores for a period of one year commening from 1st April, 1927. Copies of Schedules can be obtained on application at the Storekeeper's Office, Bhavnagar Para, on payment of Rs. 2/- (Two only).

Sealed Tenders (superscribed Tender for Consumble Stores) will be received at Bhavnagar Para by the Manager & Engineer-in-Chief, Bhavnagar State Railway, up to 12 noon on MONDAY the 24th January, 1927, and must be accompanied by an Earnest Fee of Rs. 200/- to be returned in case the Tender is not accepted.

The accepted Tenderers will be required to make a Deposit of 10 per cent of the estimated value of Stores to be supplied. The Deposit to be returned on the completion of the contract in a satisfactory manner, and to be subject to retention, in whole or part, to cover any failure to correctly carry out the same.

The Manager and Engineer-in-Chief reserves to himself the right of accepting any Tender, in whole or in part, and he does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any tender, the whole or in part.

All Stores should be exactly as per samples in Store-keeper's Office, which can be seen at that office at Bhavnagar Para.

Bhavnagar Para, D/8th December 1926.

K. R. VACHA,
Store-keeper,
Bhavnagar State Railway.
27812

BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY

TENDERS for the work of re-wiring various circuits of the electric installation at the Municipal Head Office Building near Bori Bunder will be received up to 1 p.m. (Bombay Time) on MONDAY, the 20th day of December, 1926.

Tenders should be addressed to the Municipal Commissioner and should be delivered at the office of the Chief Accountant with a deposit of Rs. 300/- Three Hundred only.

Forms of contract, specification, etc., will be issued to any one deputed to receive them by the Deputy Executive Engineer, Mechanical Branch, Municipal Workshops, Foras Road, Bombay, who will give any further information that may be required.

(Sd/), T. K. RODDAN,
Executive Engineer.

Municipal Offices,
Dated, 10th Dec., 1926.
27813

PUBLIC NOTICES.

THE JUPITER GENERAL INSURANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 8TH. ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the Registered Office, Ewart House, Tamarind Lane, Fort, Bombay, on 23rd December, 1926, at 5 p.m. (Standard Time) for the transaction of the following business.

(1) To adopt the Directors' Report, the Audited Revenue Accounts, Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheet for the period ending 30th June 1926.
(2) To appoint Directors in place of Directors who retire from Office but are eligible for re-election.
(3) To appoint Auditors for the year ending 30th June 1927 and to fix their remuneration.
(4) To transact such other business as may be brought forward by the Directors.

By order of the Board.

LALJI NARANJI & CO,
Managing Agents.

Notice is also given that the transfer books of the Company will be closed from 13th December 1926 to 13th January 1927 both days inclusive.

27818

B. B. & C. I. RAILWAY COMPANY.

CHRISTMAS 1926.

THE following concessions will be allowed:

(1) 1st and 2nd class Return tickets will be issued at 1 1/3 fares for distances of over 100 miles on this Company's system.
(2) Intermediate and 3rd class Return tickets between Bombay and certain stations on the B. B. and C. I. Railway will be issued for 1½ fares.

For detailed particulars see Notices exhibited at stations.

H. P. BALL,
Ag. General Traffic Manager.
Bombay, 4th December, 1926
27765

LEGAL NOTICES.

NOTICE

Re: ESTATE OF THE REVD. J. C. YOUNG. ..... Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 42 of the Act XXVIII of 1866 that all persons having any claim against the estate of late Reverend John Cameron Young, Doctor of Medicine, Medical Missionary, late of Sheikh Othman Aden, Arabia, and 121, George Street., Edinburgh, European, deceased, who died a Bachelor at Adia Ababa in Africa on the 2nd day of February, 1926, and Letters of Administration to whose estate were granted by the High Court of Judicature at Bombay on the 3rd day of December to Mr. Charles Mortimer Eastley, Solicitor, Bombay, the Administrator in Bombay of the said deceased, are requested to send in their claims within one month from this date to the undersigned Solicitors for the said Administrator, at their Office in Central Bank Building, Esplanade Road, Fort, Bombay, after which date the Administrator will proceed to administer the assets, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have received notice and no claim sent in subsequently will be recognised.

Dated this 8th day of December, 1926.

LITTLE & CO.,
Attorneys for Mr. Charles Mortimer Eastley, the Administrator in Bombay of the estate of the Revd. John Cameron Young, Deceased.
27805

NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE DISTRICT MUNSIF, CALICUT.

Prl. 1926 S. C. 817.

NARAKASSARI S. KRISHNAN
Plaintiff

M. M. J. H. M. CHOUTTANI Defendant

IT IS ORDERED by the Court to publish the summon to the defendant in the above case in the "Bombay Chronicle".

The order has been secured on the 6th of this month by a petition M. P. (5464 of 1926).

The case is adjourned to 20-12-26.

Plaintiff's Vakil.

P. ACHUTAN.
8-12-26. 27817

LEGAL NOTICES.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.

ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION.

Suit No. 688 of 1917.

BANSILAL MOTILAL..... Plaintiff.

Versus.

GOVINDLAL BANSILAL and others .....Defendants

"SALE OF VALUABLE PROPERTIES KNOWN AS MOTILAL MANSIONS."

PURSUANT to the Consent Decree made in the above partition suit and bearing date the 12th day of October, 1922, and the Order, dated the 14th day of February, 1924, the following immoveable properties will be sold by Public Auction AT THE PREMISES under the directions of the Commissioner of this Honourable Court.

Lot No. 2 MONDAY, the 13th day of December 1926, at 4-30 p.m. (S. T.)

Lot No. 3 TUESDAY, the 14th day of December 1926, at 4.30 p.m. (S. T.)

Lot No. 4 WEDNESDAY, the 15th day of December 1926, at 4-30 p.m. (S. T.)

PARTICULARS.

LOT NO. II.

All that piece or parcel of land or ground, together with houses and buildings standing thereon, being a portion of what is known as Old Secretariat, situate, lying and being at the Junction of Humum Street, and Dean Lane, within the Fort and Registration Sub-District of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 4723 square yards or thereabouts and bearing with other land Cadastral Survey No. 190, Fort Division, and assessed by the Collector of Municipal Rates Taxes under A Ward No. 1237, Street No. 5-7-9-43 to 55, Dean Lane, Tamarind Lane and Ward No. 1238, Street No. 16 to 22, 8 to 14, Hummum Street, Ward No. 1240 (3), Street No. 24B, Hummum Street and Ward No. 1240 (4), Street No. 24C, Hummum Street and bounded, on or towards the East by the property comprised in Lot No. III, on or towards the West partly by Dean Lane, and partly by Tamarind Lane, on or towards the North partly by Tamarind Lane and partly by the property comprised in Lot No. I and on or towards the South by Humum Street.

LOT NO. III.

All that piece or parcel of land or ground with the houses and buildings, standing thereon, being a portion of what is known as Old Secretriat, situate, lying and being at the junction of Apollo Street and Hummum Street, within the Fort and in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 2161 square yards or thereabouts and bearing with other land Cadastral Survey No. 190, Fort Division and assessed by the Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under A Ward No. 1236, Street No. 22-2-4-6, Apollo Street and Hummum Street and bounded, on or towards the East by Apollo Street, on or towards the West by the properties comprised in Lot No. II, on or towards the North by the property comprised in Lot No. IV. and on or towards the South by Hummum Street.

LOT NO. IV.

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The above plots are delineated on the plan lodged in the Commissioner's Office and also deposited at the Office of the Plaintiff's Attorneys, and the same can be inspected by the intending purchaser.

For further particulars and conditions of sale application should be made at the Office of the said Commissioner or at the Office of Messrs. MERWANJI KOLA & CO., Attorneys for the Plaintiff abovenamed at No. 14K, Hummum Street, Fort, Bombay.

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H. H. WADIA.
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NEW YORK AND LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET

NEW YORK COTTON

	New York, Dec. 10 To-day's price.
January	11.78—.08
March	12.02—.05
May	12.26—.03
July	12.46—.04
October	12.64—.07
Middling Spot	12.30—.10

	New York, Dec. 11
January	11.85+.7
March	12.08+.6
May	12.32+.8
July	12.53+.7
October	12.68+.4
Middling Spot	12.40+.10

NEW YORK COTTON DAILY STATISTICS.

	New York, Dec. 10
Day's Receipts at all U S Ports	57,000 Bales.
Day's Exports to Great Britain	11,000 Bales.
Day's Exports to the Continent	20,000 Bales.
	New York, Dec. 11.
Day's Receipts at all U S Ports	62,000 Bales.
Day's Exports to Great Britain	19,000 Bales
Day's Exports to the Continent	20,000 Bales.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON.

	New York, Dec. 10
January	11.82—.05
March	11.96—.06
Middling Spot	11.83—.07
	New York, Dec. 11.
January	11.89+.7
March	12.03+.7
Middling Spot	11.91+.8

LIVERPOOL COTTON.

	...verpool, Dec. 10. To-day's Sales Bales.
Sales at Liverpool	7,000
Sales on Speculation	300
Sales of East Indian Cotton	19
New York 10.55 a.m. (As known in Liverpool at Closing Time.)	
January	11.83
March	12.06
May	12.29
New York, Noon Call.	
January	11.85
March	12.07
May	12.29
New Orleans. 9.55 a.m.	
January	11.91
March	12.04
December	6.23+.05
January	6.29+.04
February	6.31+.04
March	6.39+.04
April	6.44+.04
May	6.51+.04
June	6.55+.04
July	6.61+.03
August	6.64+.02
September	6.68+.02
October	6.71+.02
November	6.73+.02
December	6.75+.02
Middling Spot	6.46—.01

	Liverpool, Dec. 11. To-day's Sales. Bales.
Sales at Liverpool	3,000
Sales on Speculation	300
Sales of East Indian Cotton	Nil.
	Liverpool Dec 11.
December	6.24+.01
January	6.30+.01
February	6.32+.01
March	6.39 —
April	6.44 —
May	6.50—.01
June	6.54—.01
July	6.60—.01
August	6.63—.01
September	6.66—.02
October	6.69—.02
November	6.71—.02
December	6.73—.02
Middling Spot	6.48+.02

BOMBAY COTTON MARKET.

AMERICANS:—Week-end figures bearish—early declined—hedge selling later improved short covering.

LOCAL:—Featureless Market—little selling Sewri—Long liquidation.

Private Cables:—

Messrs. Patel Bros. have received the following cable from New York:—

May highest 12.33 (2-01 p.m.), lowest 12.20 (10-19 a.m.)

Messrs. Drennan and Co. have received the following cable from Liverpool friends Messrs. J. H. Springman and Co:—

Market active, prices irregular. Looks like a fluctuating market. Without decided tendency for a while.

Messrs. Umrigar and Vesugar's New York friends Messrs. A. Norden and Co. cable under date 10th instant as under:—

Week-end statistics bearish.

AMERICANS.

Bombay, Dec. 11.

Yesterday the New York futures market opened at a decline of 5 points on bearish week end figures. Some hedge selling helped the decline and within quarter of an hour market touched the lowest of the day. May delivery being quoted at 12.20. At this level some short covering and little trade buying hardened the prices till 2 p.m. when May option was quoted 12.33 being the highest points for the day. Thereafter the market fluctuated within few points, the closing prices showed a decline of 3 to 9 points. Spot quotation were reduced by 10 points at 12.30.

It appears that the general sentiment is divided. Some people expect a sagging tendency in view of the South offering cotton, while others hold the view that prices are sufficiently low and on any favourable turn they are likely to improve.

Present prices are considered below the cost of production, but the free movement of the crop retards any improving tendency. All the constructive bullish structures so far organised, have met with a reverse effect and it is now believed by a huge majority that prices will improve after the X'mas.

In this connection, we observe a healthy position when we look at the figure of enormous sales effected as hedges. Cotton of higher and lower grades is certainly hedged and a portion of these sales must be covered up where low graded cotton is not tenderable. This position is bound to reflect as we proceed further. In the meantime it is quite possible that with the approach of the Christmas period freer selling can be anticipated, as usually happens in the Cotton market, we certainly favour to buy cotton.

However, as for the immediate future we think some improvement in the next week is not out of the way as a natural reaction.

LOCAL MARKET.

Following further weakness in the prices of American Cotton, to-day the local market opened quiet. Some Commission houses were reported as moderate sellers and prices registered a small drop. The market was narrow and the closing prices were as under:—

Broach:				
Apl./May	241/8	241/8	241	241
July/Aug.	245/8	245/8	245	245/4
Oomra:				
Dec./Jan.	231/8	231/8	230/8	230/12
March	227	227	226	226
Bengal:				
Dec./Jan.	207	207	206/8	206/8
March	202	...	...	202

SEWRI MARKET.

Liverpool market was reported easy at a decline of 5 points against our expectation of a drop of 2 points. Our market at Sewri opened barely steady Broach April/May being quoted at Rs. 240/4. There was important long liquidation, which caused a smart drop in the local market. To-day's prices penetrated below the previous low price. Liverpool advices were also easy and it caused some further selling and Broach was quotd at Rs. 238/8. A little rally towards the closed improved prices and finally closed as under:—

Broach:				
A./M.	240/4	240/4	238/8	239/4
J./A.	244	244	243	243/8
Oomra:				
D./J.	229	229	228	228/4
March	224	...	...	224
Bengal:				
D./J.	205	205	204	204/4
March	200	200	199	199/4

Bombay, Dec. 11

As anticipated yesterday to-days telegrams show a small rise in the prices of American Futures. This improvement is nothing more than a natural reaction. In sympathy with this advance our market is expected to open at a rise of Re. 1/- to-morrows i.e., Broach Apl/May delivery will be quoted at Rs. 240/-. It appears at the moment that local market will attain steadiness in the course of the day.

INDIAN COTTON.

	Liverpool, Dec. 10. To-day's closing.
Scinde, Good	4.35
Scinde, Fully Good	4.65
Scinde, Fine	4.95
Bengal, Good	4.45
Bengal Fully Good	4.75
Bengal Fine	5.05
Oomra, Good	5.20
Oomra, Fully Good	5.50
Oomra Fine	5.80
Broach, Good	5.05
Broach, Fully Good	5.45
Broach, Fine	5.85

	Liverpool, Dec. 11. To-day's Closing.
Scine, Goow	4.35
„ Fully Good	4.65
„ Fine	4.95
Bengal, Good	4.45
„ Fully Good	4.75
„ Fine	5.05
Oomra, Good	5.20
„ Fully Good	5.50
„ Fine	5.80
Broach, Good	5.05
„ Fully Good	5.45
„ Fine	5.85

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

Messrs. Ratilal and Co., Cotton Brokers and Commission Agents, received on Saturday the following cable from one of their Liverpool friends:—

"China news more hopeful. Some enquiry Manchester."

BREUL & CO.'S MARKET REPORT.

RECEIPTS INTO BOMBAY.

Bombay, December 11 1926.

In full-pressed Bales	Yesterday	Since 1st September This Year	Last Year
Khandesh	2,895	37,393	76,162
Central India	317	12,808	51,049
Barsi and Nagar	981	15,061	26,763
Hyderabad-Gaorani	344	2,272	6,724
Berar	3,244	55,515	62,144
Central Provinces	84	7,749	22,552
Total Oomras ..	7,865	1,30,498	2,45,394
Dholera	144	4,049	40,003
N.W. Provinces	341	24,671	95,279
Rajputana ..	80	6,690	17,462
Sind-Punjab ..	164	10,995	46,162
Broach	..	134	2
Coompta & Dharwar	489	8,604	11,623
Westerns-Northerns	1	7,064	6,167
Cocoanada ..	..	395	1,471
Tinnevelly and Cambodia ..	..	4,436	6,341
Persian	..	2,318	1,664
American	..	32,511	138
Egyptian and African ..	..	17,144	25,877
Comilla, Burma & other sorts ..		7	352
Total	9,084	2,49,516	4,98,995

EXPORTS FROM BOMBAY.

In full-pressed Bales.	Yesterday.	1st Sept. to 9th Dec. This year	Last year
Europe	1,360	59,830	96,502
Japan & China ..	915	78,730	1,72,302
Coast Ports ..	100	3,221	6,950
Up-country by Rail. ..		31,909	2,997
Afloat in harbour for Europe, China and Japan ..		8,340	41,859
Total	2,375	1,82,030	3,20,610

NEW YORK AND LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

REMITTANCES TO BRITISH TREASURY

(In pound sterling.)

Transfer from Paper Currency Reserve in England to Home Treasury:—Remittances during the week ending 4th December, 1926 500,000; Total remittances from 1st April, 1926 to 4th December 1926, 19,500,000.

WEEKLY COTTON PRICES.

NEW YORK

	Dec. 4	Dec. 6	Dec. 7.	Dec. 8.	Dec. 9.	Dec. 10
December	12.09	12.22	12.33	12.25	12.22	12.13
January	11.80	11.88	11.98	11.91	11.86	11.78
March	12.03	12.12	12.22	12.16	12.07	12.02
May	12.24	12.34	12.54	12.37	12.29	12.26
July	12.43	12.45	12.67	12.60	12.50	12.46
October	12.63	12.74	12.82	12.79	12.71	12.64
May Highest	12.28	12.42	12.50	12.60	12.34	12.33
May Lowest	12.02	12.22	12.24	12.35	12.10	12.20
LIVERPOOL.						
January	6.26	6.35	6.36	6.45	6.25	6.29
March	6.35	6.44	6.45	6.52	6.35	6.39
May	6.46	6.55	6.58	6.65	6.47	6.51
July	6.56	6.65	6.68	6.76	6.58	6.61
October	6.66	6.74	6.78	6.86	6.59	6.71

BOMBAY.

	Dec. 4.	Dec. 6.	Dec. 7.	Dec. 8.	Dec. 9.	Dec. 10.
Broach April May	241/4	246/8	245	245/8	241/4	242/8
„ July/August					245/8	246/8
Oomra Dec. Jan.	229	234/8	233	233/8	231/4	232/8
„ Mar	226/8	232	231	230/8	227/8	228
Bengal Dec. Jan.	205	213	210	209	206/8	209
„ Mar	200/8	207	204/8	204	203/8	203/8
Broach A/M Highest	242/4	247/12	246/12	246/4	244/8	242/8
„ „ Lowest	240	244	244/3	244/8	241	241

EGYPTIAN COTTON.

	Liverpool, Dec. 10
December	12.27+.01
January	12.13+.01
February	12.08+.02
March	12.00+.02
April	11.97+.02
May	11.92+.01
June	11.90 —
July	11.85—.02
August	11.81—.02
September	11.90—.02
October	11.95 —
November	12.04 —
December	12.04 —
Sakellaridis, F G F., Spot	13.40—.05

	Liverpool, Dec. 11
December	12.44+.17
January	12.30+.17
February	12.25+.17
March	12.15+.15
April	12.10+.13
May	12.05+.13
June	12.03+.13
July	12.01+.16
August	11.97+.16
September	12.06+.16
October	12.11+.16
November	12.20+.16
December	12.20+.16
Sakellaridis, F G F Spot	13.45+.05

AMERICAN WEEKLY COTTON STATISTICS.

New York, Dec. 10

Receipts of Cotton at U S Ports 428,000 bales.

Exports to Great Britain 29,000 bales.

Exports to France and Continent 153,000 bales

Exports to Japan 35,000 bales.

Stock of Cotton at U S Ports 2,967,000 bales.

Stock of Cotton at U S Interior towns 527,000 bales.

LIVERPOOL WEEKLY COTTON STATISTICS.

Liverpool, Dec. 10.

Total Cotton, Actual Export 5,000 bales.

Total Cotton, Forwarded to consumers 9,000 bales.

Total Cotton, Imports 114,000 bales.

Total Cotton, Stocks 1,181,000 bales.

Actual Week's Sales 36,170 bales.

WHEAT—LONDON MARKET.

London, Dec. 10.

Barletta Russo, per 63 lb.—
Jan/Feb shipment sellers 51.
Ozario Santa Fe, per 62 1/2 lb.—
Jan/Feb shipment sellers 51/3.
Market:—Dull and inactive.
Wheat, Australian.—
Jan/Feb shipment sellers 55.
Market:—Dull and inactive.
Wheat, Choice White Karachi.—
Dec/Jan shipment quoted 56.

London, Dec. 11

Barletta Russo, per 63 lb.—
Jan/Feb shipment sellers 50/6.
Pozario Santa Fe, per 62½ lb.—
Jan/Feb shipment sellers 51.
Market:—Weak on bearish Argentine estimate and larger world's shipments.
Wheat, Australian.—
Jan/Feb shipment sellers 55.
Wheat, Choice White Karachi.—
Dec/Jan shipment quoted 55/6.
Wheat, Afloat to the United Kingdom 736,000 quarters.

LINSEED.

London, Dec. 10.

Linseed, Calcutta, ton.—
Dec/Jan shipment paid £17:7:6.
Linseed, Calcutta, ton.—
Apl/May shipment buyers £16:15:

London, Dec. 11

Linseed, Calcutta, ton.
Dec/Jan shipment sellers £17:5.
Linseed, Calcutta, ton.
Apl/May shipment sellers £16.17:6.
Linseed, La Plata, c i f, ton.—
Dec/Jan shipment offered £15/5/0.
Market:—Very quite and easier.
Linseed, Bombay.—
Dec/Jan shipment nominal £18:10.

LINSEED OIL.

London, Dec. 10.

Linseed Oil, naked, London, cwt.—
Jan/Apl delivery sellers 30/10 1/2.
Linseed Oil, naked, London, cwt.—
May/Aug delivery sellers 30/9.

London, Dec. 11

Linseed, Oil, Naked, London, cwt
Jan/Apl delivery sellers 30/7½.
Linseed, Oil, Naked, London, cwt
May/Aug delivery paid and sellers 30/3.

LINSEED.

London, Dec. 10.

Linseed, La Plata, c i f, ton.—
Dec/Jan shipment quoted £15 1/4.
Market:—Very quiet, awaiting the official Argentine estimate.
Linseed, Bombay.—
Dec/Jan. shipment nominal £18-10.

LONDON PRODUCE.

London, Dec. 10.

Cottonseed, Bombay.—
Dec/Jan shipment quoted £7:12:6.
Castorseed, Bombay.—
Dec/Jan shipment sellers £19.
Rapeseed, Ferozepore, Real Bold, ton.—
Dec/Jan shipment nominal £17:17:6.

	London, Dec. 11. To-day's Price.
Cottonseed, Bombay	£7.12.6 Dec.Jan. Shipment quoted.
Castorseed, Bombay	£19.0.0 Dec.Jan. Shipment sellers.
Rapeseed, Ferozepore, Real Bold	£17.17.6 Dec.Jan. Shipment nominal.

COFFEE—NEW YORK MARKET.

New York, Dec. 10

Fair Rio Coffee, (No. 7, quality), Spot 15 1/8.

LONDON RUBBER.

London, Dec. 10.

Smoked Sheet, Standard, Ribbed, lb. Spot 1/6s. 1/4d. buyers.

Smoked Sheet, Standard, Ribed, lb. Spot 1/6s. 3/8d. sellers.

Pale Crepe, lb, Spot. 1/6s. 1/8d. buyers.

Pale Crepe, lb, Spot. 1/6s. 1/4d. sellers.

LONDON METALS.

London, Dec. 10.

Copper, English Best Selected, £63 1/4.

Copper, Braziers, £72.

Yellow Metal, £67 1/4.

Spelter, Hard, £29.

Corrugated Sheets, 24 guage. £16 7/8.

Tin Block, £305.

LONDON SILVER.

London, Dec. 10.

Silver.—The Continent moderate seller, Bazaars small buyers.

	To-day's Price.
Spot	24-11/16
Forward	24-3/4

London, Dec. 11.

Silver.—Chinese covering. India bought. Market closed quiet with uncertain tendency.

	To-day's Price.
Spot	24-15/16
Forward	25

LONDON GOLD.

London, Dec. 10.

To day's Price.

Bar Gold, Fine, per oz. £4-4 11-1/2

London, Dec. 10.

To-day's Rate.

Interest, Day to Day Loans 3-5/8 p.c.

Interest, 7 Days' Market Loans 4 p.c.

London, Dec. 11.

Open Market Price.

To-day's Price.

Bar Gold, Fine, per oz. £4-4-11 1/2

London, Dec. 11.

To-day's Rate.

Interest, Day to Day Loans 3-1/2 p.c.

Interest, 7 Days' Market Loans 4 p.c.

LONDON EXCHANGES.

London, Dec. 10.

T.T. Berlin on London	20.39-3/8
T.T. Amsterdam on London	12.13-1/4
T.T. Brussels on London	34.86
T.T. Madrid on London	31.89
T.T. Milan on London	11.50
T.T. Berne on London	25.09
T.T. Paris on London	124.50

London, Dec. 11.

To-day's Rate.

T.T. Berlin on London	20.30-1/2
T.T. Amsterdam on London	12.13-1/8
T.T. Brussels on London	34.86
T.T. Madrid on London	31.88
T.T. Milan on London	117.50
T.T. Berne on London	25.10
T.T. Paris on London	122.50

NEW YORK DEMAND BILLS.

New York, Dec. 10

Demand Bills 484.50

London, Dec. 10.

Chartered Bank of I.A. and C. £19 5/8.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank (London Registered) £115 1/2.

P. and O. Banking Corporation £10 3/4.

National Bank £47.

Eastern Bank £6 1/8.

Funding Loan 4 per cent £84 3/4.

Conversion Loan £74 3/4.

Indian Loan 5 1/2 per cent £102 7/8.

Rupee Paper 3 1/2 per cent £57.

Indian Stock 3 1/2 per cent Sterling Loan £70.

Government Securitie s3 per cent £59 1/8

Consols £54.

War Loan 5 per cent £100 1/4.

Victory Bonds 4 per cent £91 7/8.

READY COTTON SALES.

Bombay, Dec 11.

Bales	Buyer.	Discription.	Rates
300	Toyo Menkwa	Bengal	218/23
300	Suzuki & C.	Khandesh	225
200	Suzuki & Co.	C. P. No. 1	248/50
200	H. Rambhugal	Khandesh	227
100	Coloba Land	Berar	230
200	Ozu Burim	C. P. No. 1	250
100	Mulji Jetha	„	250
100	Forbes & Co.	„	252
100	Forbes & Co.	Berar	236
100	G. V. Lanke	Bengal	210
200	L. K. Vussorji	Berar	230
200	Tata Mills	Bengal	215

LINSEED AND WHEAT MARKETS.

Bombay, Dec 11.

Owing to the bearish Argentine report our markets ruled very dull. The Linseed market experiences heavy sales and prices registered a smart drop of 5 annas. The closing tone was quiet. The Wheat market also kept quiet with a easing tendency. There is absence of demand. Latest prices.

	Rs. a. p.
Linseed May	10 0 3
Wheat January	7 14 3
Wheat May	7 6 3

"THE FREEDOM WE WANT."

SWAMI SHARWANANDA'S SPEECH.

"The freedom we want and the means to attain it" was the theme of the last of the series of interesting public lectures, Swami Sharawanand of the Ramkrishna Mission Ashram delivered at the Marwadi Vidyalaya Hall, Sandhurst Road, Bombay on Saturday evening before a large and cosmopolitant gathering of men and women. Dr. Rajabai V. Patel presided.

The Swami said: "Full freedom must be and is the ideal of entire humanity. Without freedom no nation, however great and civilized it may be, can live. The future of India is also a Free India; but the idea of freedom in India is not only political freedom as a portion of the so-called educated and reformed Indians believe it to be. The Indian ideal of freedom is perfect freedom—"muk"—the freedom not only of the body but also of the soul. This can be achieved by a regeneration of the strength of Indians; and elevation of the soul is the surest and safest way for such a regeneration. Renunciation and have love are the two greatest ideals of life in India. Raise man the devine from man the brute, and let us all progress towards that ideal—the ideal of perfect freedom."

NECESSITY OF COLLECTIVE CONSCIOUSNESS.

Continuing the speaker laid great trest on the necessity of collective consciousness, development of the feeling of unity, civic consciousness and sacrifice of one's individual interests for the sake of the larger national interests for freeing the nation from the existing condition of moral, mental and physical slavery. He said that less than seven per cent. of the total population of India were educated and out of them less than five per cent. knew what politics was. Most of those who claimed to have an insight into politics in India, derived their knowledge from newspapers and public speeches or such other trivial sources. Hardly a per cent. of the population had actually studied politics. The bulk of the masses at least 95 per cent. were ignorant of politics; and it was futile to try to educate them when even among these so-called educated men and the present day political leaders there was lack of unity, co-ordination, common thinking and political expediency at a time when India was on the verge of a great fight and in the position in which England was in 1914.

If freedom for India was to be achieved only through the political propaganda and at the present rate, the Swami was sure, it would not be achieved for the next 200 years. But, he said, India was not a politically minded country like the West. The Indians whether Hindus, Muslims or Parsis were unlike the modern Europeans or Americans preeminently religious. They were always inclied towards cultural and spiritual development. Religion was to them a great asset and not a matter of weekly work. It was easy to rouse political couetousness in the west where religion was secondary and the most trivial thing. In India it was difficult to make the masses politically minded because religion was living in the hearts of Indians. A purely political India would never be possible.

DISPET THE IGNORANCE OF THE MASSES.

Continuing, the speaker assisted that the only way to reach the Salvation of India not only political freedom but vomplete or perfect freedom was to educate the vast majority of ignorant masses the 95 per cent of the people who populated the country, their education could never come through politics agitatio or through the press but through a sound religions and spiritual propaganda. The Swami made it clear that by religion he did not mean any particular creed or "Sutra" because he knew that the fundamental basis of all religions in the world was the same. Those who were trading in the name of religion—the Swamiji evidently meant the theologians had created a cleavage between the different classes and castes and they were working hard to widen and perpetuate those cleavages. But religion had got to be snatched away from the impostors and the theologians. Religion was not contradictory to reason! and the masses of India who were more responsive to the calls of religion, would exhibit tremendous evergy and potentiality which would make the way to freedom easier than anything else. Concluding, the Swami appealed to his hearers to strive for unity and spiritual and religious education of the masses of India. If that were done, the future of India, he assured, would be brighter than of any other country on the face of the earth.

A vote of thanks to the speaker terminated the proceedings.

Saturday being the Hospital Day in Calcutta, a large number of nurses and medical students collected funds in courts, tram cars, railway stations and public thoroughfares for patients in the different hospitals of the city. Miniature flags bearing the letter "H" in red were sold.—A. P.

The M. C. C. and Presidency XI, group. H. H. The Maharaja of Patiala, and Mr Gilligan are seated in the centre.

"Chronicle" Photo.
The Maharaja of Patiala who is Captaining the M. C. C. team against the Bombay Presidency XI.

Mr. G. B. Shaw was surprise at receiving the 1925 Nobel Prize for literature

P. P. B.
Maharaja Sir Kishan Parshad Bahadur who has been appointed President of the Executive Council by H. E. H. the Nizam of Hyderabad.

SILVER MARKET.

Bombay, Dec 11.

London prices were weak for forward while spot presented a steady tone. China reports were better. Our market ruled firm on general buying and prices registered improvement of some annas six for Magsar delivery. The demand for spot is showing signs of improvement. The arrivals are below expectation and spot quotations improved by half a rupee. It is expected that some fresh arrivals from America are due on Monday.

	Rs.	a.	p.
Silver Ready	57	12	0
Magsar delivery	56	14	6
Posh delivery	56	15	6

GOLD MARKET.

Bombay, Dec 11.

The Gold market continues quiet with a small off take. On the whole the market is steady.

	Rs.	a.	p.
Bar Gold Spot	21	9	3
Magsar	21	9	6
Posh	21	9	3
Bar National Bank	21	13	0
Bar Chartered Bank	21	12	0
Bar Central Bank	21	11	6
Sovereigns Ready	13	9	0
Double option premium:—			
Magsar	0	1	0
Posh	0	2	3
Double options premium:—			
Magsar	1	0	0
Posh	2	2	0

London prices showed improvement yesterday and our market to-day ruled firm with a better enquiry. Business is being done in Magsar delivery at Rs. 57/4.

JAVA SUGAR—LONDON MARKET.

London, Dec. 11.

Java Sugar, Fine White, Dutch Standard No. 25, C. and F. Calcutta.

Jan.-Mar. per cwt.	21|3
July-Sept., per cwt.	18|1-1|2
Oct.-Dec., per cwt.	18|3

Java Sugar, Fine White, Dutch Standard No. 25, C. and F. Bombay.

Jan.-Mar., per cwt.	21|4

Java Sugar, Fine White, Dutch Standard No. 25, C. and F. Karachi.

Jan.-Mar., per cwt.	21|4-3|4

SUGAR MARKET.

Bombay, Dec. 11

The forward market ruled rather easy with a small demand. Belgian and German sugars registered a small drop in the prices of forward contracts. The closing rates are as under:—

Java Fine White Ready Rs. 18/10.
Java Fine White Nov/Dec. Sh. 20/2.
Java Fine White Jan/Mar. Sh. 20/9.
Java Fine White July Sh. 18/4.
Beet Sugar B. R. B. Ready Rs. 18/12
Beet Sugar October shipment Sh. 20.
Bee Sugar Nov/Dec shipment Sh. 19/11
Beet Sugar Jan/Mar. shipment Sh. 20/5.
Belgian Beet. Nov/Dec Sh. 19/3.
German Crystal Nov/Dec Sh. 19/2.

NEW YORK DEMAND MILLS.

New York, Dec. 11.

	To-day's Rate.
Demand Bills	484.43

LONDON DISCOUNT RATES.

London, Dec. 11.

	To-day's Rate.
Bank Bills, 3 months	4-1|32 p.c.
Bank Bills, 6 months	4-1|32 p.c.
Fine Trade Bills, 3 months	5-1|4 p.c.
Fine Trade Bills, 6 months	5-3|4 p.c.

READY COTTON QUOTATIONS. 1926/1927 Crop.

Bombay, Dec. 11.

Bengal M.G. F.G.	220/222
Bengal M.G. Fine	228/232
Khandeish M.G. Fine	225/230
Akola/Khamgaon Fine	235/238
Amraoti/Khamgaon Fine	238/240
Dhamangaon M.G. Fine	240/242
Wardha/Nagpur	230/235
Saravad	235/240
Jalna/Aurangabad	230/233
Bara	230/235
Warangal	252
Purna	265
Mathia F.G.	225/228

OLD CROP.

Yadagiri	225/35
Coompta	270/285
Tirupur	275/300

THE EAST INDIA COTTON ASSO LTD. ROOM RATES.

Bombay Dec. 10.

HEDGE CONTRACTS.

Bengal F. Good		Dec. January	207
,,	,,	March	203
Broach	Fine	April May	242
,,	,,	July, Aug.	246
Oomra	Fine	Dec. Jan	231
,,	,,	March	227

READY COTTON.

	S Fine	Fine	F. Good	F.G. Fine.
Bengal ..	231	226	218	210
Sindh Punjab ..	229	224	216	208
Rajputana ..	231	226	218	210
Comra No. 3 ..	241	236	231	
C. P. No. 1 ..	256	251	246	
C. P. No. 2 ..	249	244	239	
Khandesh ..	231	226	221	

SALES OF READY COTTON.

Bales	Buyer.	Discription	Rate.
300	Toyo Menkwa	Bengal	225/8
100	N. Rajaram	C. P. No. 1	251
200	L. K. Vessonji	Amraoti	237
100	Verdhman Bros	Khandwa	232
200	Currimbhoy Mills	Salu	245
100	Suzuki & Co.	C. P. No. 1	250
200	,, ,,	Berar	235/40
100	,, ,,	Khandesh	228
200	Dawn Mills	Bengal	222
100	,, ,,	Khandesh	228
100	,, ,,	Berar	232
100	Calaba Land Mill	Chopda	232
100	H. Rambhagat	Khandesh	228
200	Phoenix Mills	Bengal	225
100	Jetha Devji	Khandesh	225

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE

(Through C. M. PAREKH.)

Bombay, Dec. 10.

JUTE.

Albion ..	518	Howrah ..	44/8
Aliance ..	572	India ..	..
Alexandra ..	..	Kamarhatty	670
Anglo-India	412	Kankanarrah	520
Auckland ..	287	Kelvin ..	875
Barnagore ..	220	Khardah ..	485
Bally ..	235	Kinnison ..	1015
Birla ..	9/8	Lansdowne	315
Belvedere ..	597	Lawrence ..	632
Budge-Budge	5/8	Lothian ..	48
Caledonian ..	605	Naihati ..	48
Chapdani ..	188	National	31/1
Clive ..	39/6	New Central	625
Craig ..	5	Northbrook	55/8
Cheviot ..	317	Nudea ..	49
Dalhousie	455	Orient ..	275
Delta	593	Presidency ..	8
Empire ..	54	Reliance	72/8
Fort Gloster	915	Soorah ..	30
Fort William	366	Standard ..	480
Gondalpara ..	1060	Union ..	608
Gourpore	720	Waverly ..	6/10
Hukumchand	13/8	HESSIAN	14/4
Hooghly ..	85/8	JUTE	60/8

COTTON.

Agra United ..		Dunbar	..
Bowaria ..		Keshavram Cotton	..
Bengal Nagpur ..		New Ring ..	..

COAL.

Burrakur ..	..	Kurdi ..	..
Bokaro Ramgur ..		Neetooria ..	..
Gusick & Musalia ..		New Kendali Raneegunge	..
Katras Jherriah ..		Samla Kendra	..

MISCELLANEOUS.

B.B. Petrol'm. ..		I. Standard Wagon	..
B.I. Corporn.	4/8		..
B.I. ,,	D	Marshalls	..
Burma Corp	10/4	Madon Theatres	..
C.P. Cement	..	Scindia Steam	..
Howra Oil	..	Titagar Paper	..
Hume Pipe	..	Thorney Croft	..
I.I. Still	8/8	Imperial Bank	1525
		,, Conty.	388

Remarks:—Jute shares shares firm. Market was closed at 1 p.m. on account of the sad death of a member. Market will reopen on Monday the 13th inst. Government Securities were firm 3 1/2 per cent Government Paper 78/- 5 per cent Bonds (1945-55) 108/6.

Saturday's meeting of the Senate of the Calcutta University was adjourned till 20th instant owing to the sudden death of Rai Bahadur Abinash Chandra Bose, Controller of Examinations and a member of the Senate.—A. P.

A public Muslim meeting of Poona expresses its "most deep and heartfelt regret" at the sad and untimely death of Princess Theresse, the wife of H. H. Sir Aga Sultan Mahammed Shah and heartly sympathises with him and his family in this bereavement.

MONEY MARKET.

EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS.

Bombay, Dec. 11.

B. C. RATE—
Bank's selling T T 1/5 23/32.
Bank's selling D D 1/5 3/4.

LONDON:—
Bank's selling T T 1/5 3/4.
Bank's selling D D 1/5 25/32.
Bank's buying 3 M/st D A 1/6 1/16.
Bank's buying T T 1/5 25/32.
Bank's buying D D 1/5 13/16.

PARIS—
Bank's selling D D Frcs. 852.
Bank's buying 3 M/st D A Frcs. 952.
Bank's buying D D Frcs. 937.

JAPAN—
Bank's selling T T Rs. 136 3/4.
Bank's buying 60 D/st D P Rs. 132 3/4

HONGKONG—
Bank's selling D D Rs. 134 1/2.

SHANGHAI—
Bank's selling D D Rs. 167 3/4.

SINGAPORE—
Bank's selling D D Rs. 158 1/2.

NEW YORK—
Bank's selling D D Rs. 279.

CROSS RATES—
London—New York Dol. 4.84 15/16.
London—Paris Frcs. 124.50.
London—Switzerland Frcs. 25.15.
London—Brussels Frcs. 34.86.
London—Rome Liras 111.00.
London—Berlin Marks 20.40
Tone of Exchange.—Quiet Dull.

LONDON DISCOUNTS.

Bombay, Dec. 11.

3 months 4 17/32 per cent.
6 months 4 17/32 per cent.
Bank of England Rate 5 per cent.
Money Call 3/4 per cent.
1 month
3 months 2 per cent.
6 months 4 per cent.
Imperial Bank Rate. 4 per cent
Tone of Money Market:—Easy.

BULLION

Bombay, Dec. 11.

Bar gold ready Rs. 21/9/6.
Bar gold forward Rs. 21/9/3.
Bar gold 2nd settlement Rs. 21/9/6.
Bar silver ready Rs. 57/11.
Bar silver 1st settlement Rs. 56/13.
Bar Silver 2nd settlement Rs. 56/14.

London, Dec. 10.

Bar gold ready s. 84-11 1/2
Silver ready Rs. d. 29/11.
Silver forward d. 24/12.
TONE OF SILVER:—
Steady. Very little business doing. Market closed featureless. Market steady at present but we still think we shall see lower prices. Quiet.
Sovereigns Ready 13/9.
Sovereigns forward 13/9.
National Bank Bar Gold 21/12/6.

QUOTATIONS OF LOCAL MILL CLOTHS

(Issued by the Hindustani Native Merchants' Association.)

Bombay, Dec. 12

		Rs.	a.	p.
KHADI:—				
Textile	Per lb.	0	11	3
Century	,,	0	10	9
Jacob	,,	0	10	6
E. D. Sassoon	,,	0	10	3
Elphinstone	,,	0	10	3
Apollo	,,	0	10	6

LONG CLOTH (Full weight) 34/40 In.:—

Standard Mill	Per lb.	0	14	0
Century 91½-92½	,,	0	14	0
Century 6404-8705	,,	0	14	6
Hindustan Mill	,,	0	14	6
Fazal (Mahal)	,,	0	14	6
Phoenix	,,	0	14	0
Pabaney (Phoolmala)	,,	0	13	9
Manekji (Patangia)	,,	0	14	0
Kaliamardan	,,	0	14	0
Daud Sahib	,,	0	13	3

LONG CLOTH (Light weight) No. 5202/5303

Rachael Mill	Per lb.	0	14	3
Hindustan Mill	,,	0	14	6
David Mill	,,	0	14	6
Apollo Mill	,,	0	14	0

LONG CLOTH x Quality:—

Swan Finaly	,,	0	14	0
Gold Mohor	,,	0	13	6

LONG CLOTH Satin Calender 34-42 In.:

Textile (Hand)	Per lb.	0	13	6
Spring (Merchant)	,,	0	13	6
Century (Bugle)	,,	0	13	0
Apollo (Pyale)	,,	0	13	0
Tata Mill (Darji)	,,	0	13	3
Sakuntala	,,	0	13	0
Sundari Brand	,,	0	13	0
Globe	,,	0	12	6
Rachael	,,	0	12	6
Palkhi	,,	0	13	3
Maher	,,	0	13	3

LEPAD:—

Spring	,,	0	13	6
Textile	,,	0	13	6
Century	,,	0	13	0
Maher	,,	0	13	0

DHOOTIES 7 8 9 Yards:—

Spring (Balance)	,,	1	0	0
Jacob	,,	0	15	0
Century	,,	0	15	6
Mun Mill	,,	0	15	6

DHOOTIES 10 Yards:—

Spring (Balance)	,,	0	15	0
Century	,,	0	14	6
Jacob	,,	0	14	0
Mun. Mill	,,	0	14	6
1386 Tata	,,	2	13	0

CHECK GREY DRILL x lbs. 5:—

Bombay Cotton	Per Piece	3	12	0
Jamshed	,,	3	12	0
Century	,,	4	2	0
Pearl Pebaney	,,	4	2	0
Hindustan No. 902	,,	4	2	3

BLACK CHECK:—

5800 Sholapur	,,	11	0	0
2020 Jecob	,,	5	8	0
58,000 Kurla	,,	8	0	0
1323 Morarji	,,	5	7	0

GABRUN No. 5124:—

Pearl Pebaney	,,	7	5	0
Hindustan	,,	7	5	0
D. D. Rachael	,,	6	10	0

SALITA:—

Century	Per lb.	0	13	6
Textile	,,	0	13	6
Spring (Merchant)	,,	0	14	0

STRIPPED SADIS Yards 12:—

777 Kohinoor	Per Piece	2	4	0
777 Crescent	,,	2	2	0
Apollo David	,,	2	2	0

DUKDI Yards 12-13-14:—

Kanta	Per lb.	1	1	0
Great	,,	1	0	6
Phoenix	,,	1	1	6
Kohinoor	,,	1	1	6
Tata	,,	1	1	0

CHADAR Kori Calander:—

Hindustan	Per lb.	0	14	6
David	,,	0	14	0
Mahel	,,	0	14	0

FOREIGN NEWS.

20th November 1926

FINANCING THE AMERICAN COTTON.

A capital of 16 million dollars makes possible a loaning fund of 160 millions and the plan is to lend growers 9 cents per lb. on cotton against warehuse receipts as security. The loans are to run for 18 to 20 months. Thus it is hoped to withdraw 4 million bales until prices restore to the level of cost of production. It will take time to ascertain the success of the measure.

TRADING IN FUTURE.

At present trading in Futures for 13 months ahead is permitted by the Liverpool Cotton Association and now they are thinking of extending the period to 25 months ahead.

CANADIAN WHEAT CROP.

The Wheat yield is now expected to reach 390 million bushels; divided as follows:—Manitoba 45,000,000, Saskatchewen 215 000,000 and Alberta 120,000,000 Bushels Owing to unfavourable weather a small proportion of the two highest grades in expected to be attained. The farmer's position is healthy owing to recent rise of 12 cents during the month of October and are now quoted at dol. 1.45 for No. 1 Northern in Winnipeg.

JAPAN'S RICE CROP.

According to the latest report, the year's rice crop is estimated at 59,491,000 Koku, which is 240,000 Koku smaller than last year, but 1,853,000 Koku above the past five year's average. This report showed a lower yield than expected and caused improvement in prices. It is believed that Japan shall have to import some 4 million piculs of foreign rice.

AUSTRALIAN WHEAT CROP.

It is estimated that this year's wheat crop Last year's yield was 113,500,000 Bushels. Last years yield was 113,500,000 Bushels. The average prices in the year 1922 was 5s. 3/4d in the year 1923 was 5s. 4 1/2d. in the year 1924 4s. 8d., in the year 1925 was 6s. 2 1/4d. and in the year 1926 it is 6s. 3d. It is estimated that 45 to 50,000,000 Bushels will be required for home consumption and balance will be exported. The exprt figures for the past five years were 1922—112,000,000 Bushels, 1923-44,700,000 Bushels, 1924—77,000,000 Bushels. 1925—118,400,000 Bushels and in the year 1926—71,200,000 Bushels were exported.

MANCHESTER CLOTH MARKET.

The market presented a very dull appearance and the volume of the business passing proved disappointing. With the ending of the coal strike, free and cheap coal will be available which is bound to reduce the cost of production. There exists considerable enquiry but the buyers find prices higher and only a small business is booked. India bought on a small scale some bleaching styles and grey shirtings. Owing to unfavourable conditions in China, very little can be expected from that corner. Only small demand continues from South American and the Continent Demandf or American Yarns has fallen off considerably. Sales of no importance in Egyptian Yarns are reported for Thread Manufacturing:—

Latest Quotations:—
Yarns 32's twist 13d. per lb.
Yarns 40's weft. 13 1/4d. per lb.
Yarns 60's twist Egy. 25 1/2d. per lb.

	Rs.	a.	p.
0's—	4		

32 in. Printers 116 yds. 16X16 32's and 50's—23s. 0d.
36 in. Shirtings 75 yds. 19X19 32's and 40's—26s. 9d.
38 in. Shirtings 38 yds. 18X16 10 lbs.—12s. 9d
39 in. Shritings 37 1/2 yds. 16X15 8 1/2 lbs.—12s. 6d.

METAL MARKET LONDON.

Tin.—Firm standard £311 to £310 15s. and £314 5s. and £309 10s. three months £300 5s. to £298/.
Copper.—Quiet. Standard £57/16/3 three months £58/15.
Lead.—Steady £29/10.
Spelter.—Quiet. £33/17/6.
Antimony.—Quiet. £74/10.
Alluminum.—Dull £107/.. Exports £112.

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES.

Bombay, Dec. 11.

3½ per cent Rupee Paper Rs. 78/13.
4 per cent Conversion Loan due 1931-36 Rs. 95/4.
4 per cent Loan due 1960/70 Rs. 89/13.
5 per cent War Loan due 1929/47 Rs. 102/8.
5 per cent Loan due 1935 Rs. 103/4.
5 per cent Loan (Tax Free) due 1933 Rs. 104/12.
5 per cent Loan (Tax Free) due 1945/55 Rs. 108/14.
5½ per cent War Bonds (Tax Free) due 1928 Rs. 107.
6 per cent Bonds (Tax Free) due 1927 Rs. 101/12.
6 per cent Bonds (Tax Free) due 1939 Rs. 106/14.
6 per cent Bonds (Tax Free) due 1931 Rs. 107/14.
6 per cent Bonds (Tax Free) due 1939 Rs. 109.
6½ per cent Bombay Devp. Loan (Tax Free) due 1935 Rs. 114/4.
4 per cent Port Trust due 1974 Rs. 88.
4 per cent Municipal due 1974 Rs. 87.
4 per cent Improvement Trust due 1974 Rs. 87.
6 per cent Bombay Municipal due 1934 Rs. 113/8.
6 per cent Municipal due 1929-49 Rs. 104.
Tone of Market.—Firm.

BOMBAY CITY AND SUBURBS.

ENGAGEMENTS.

TO-DAY.

Opening of Wadia Maternity Hospital near Bacteriological Laboratory, Parel, by Governor, 5 p.m.

Cricket—M. C. C. v. Bombay Presidency, the Esplanade, 11 a.m. to 1 and 2 to 5.30 p.m.

Results of the Final M.B.B.S. Examination, University Hall, 2 p.m.

TUESDAY, December 14.

At Home to Governor by the Sheriff of Bombay, 5.15 p.m., Altamount House, Altamount Road.

Municipal Corporation, 3.40 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, December 15.

Municipal Standing Committee 3.40 p.m.

Afternoon party in honour of M.C.C. team at Islam Gymkhana, 6 p.m., the Governor to preside.

FRIDAY, December 17.

Art and Craft Exhibition, Parel High School Hall, Lavaji Castle, Government Gate Road, Parel, 5 p.m., Mr. M. R. Jayakar to open.

SARANGDHARA.

The staging of the above play by the Madras Club, Parel, has been postponed to a future date.

NOTICE TO JURYMEN.

Gentlemen of the Common Jury summoned for the current Criminal Sesssions are required to attend at the High Court on Monday, the 13th December, 1926, at 11.15 a.m. (S.T.)

MUSIC CONFERENCE.

The first Maharashtra Provincial Music Conference of the Gandharva Maha Vidyalaya was held on Sunday evening at the Marwadi Vidyalaya, Dr. V. N. Bhajekar presiding. The fuller report of the Conference will appear in a later issue.

NATIONALIST PARTY MEETING.

A meeting of the Council of the Bombay City Committee of the Indian National Party will be held in Petit Building, Hornby Road, on Monday (13th instant) at 6.15 p.m. (S.T.)

ANJUMANE-ZIA-UL-ISLAM.

A meeting of the Anjumane-Zia-Ul-Islam will be held in the Jamat Hall at Tardeo today (Monday) at 9 p.m. in order to request the Governor for the urgent necessity of appointing a Muslim Minister of Education.

BAND AT THE CHOWPATTY BANDSTAND.

The Band of the 1st. Bn. G. I. P. Ry. Regt. A.F.I. will play a programme of music at the Chowpatty Bandstand to-day (Monday) at 5.30 p.m. (S.T.)

TO-DAY'S RADIO PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast by the Bombay Presidency Radio Club to-day (Monday): (1) 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. mixed gramophone records; (2) 6.45 p.m. to 8 p.m. English vocal and instrumental music and (3) 9.30 p.m. to 10.30 p.m. Indian gramophone records.

Call-sign 2 FV. wavelength 357 metres.

RAILWAY WORKMEN'S MEETING.

The annual general meeting of the G.I.P. Railway Workmen's Union will be held in Damodar Thackersey Hall, Poibawdi, Parel, to-morrow (Tuesday) at 6 p.m. All who are interested in the development of labour movement are requested to make tre gathering successful.

BOMBAY CO-OPERATIVE INSTITUTE.

Under the auspices of the Bombay Co-operative Institute, Mr. C. S. Deole, Chairman of the Bombay Co-operative Institute will deliver the first lecture of his series on "Producers' Co-operation" to students of the Continuation Class for the Diploma in Co-operation, to-morrow (Tuesday) at 8 to 9 a.m. at the Servants of India Society's Home, Sandhurst Road, Girgaum, Bombay. All those interested in the subject are allowed to attend.

SASSOON MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.

Revd. J. Mackenzie, M.A., Principal of the Wilson College, will deliver a lecture on "Laughter" on Wednesday (the 15th instant) at 6 p.m. The lecture is open to the public.

PETIT GYMNASTIC INSTITUTION.

The Annual General Meeting of the Members and Subscribers of Sir Dinshaw Maneckji Petit Gymnastic Institution will be held under the presidentship of Sir Dinshaw Maneckji Petit, Bart., on Wednesday (the 15th instant), at 5.30 p.m. on the Premises of the Institution at Cruickshank Road, berind Elphinstone High School.

BOMBAY PRESIDENCY ASSOCIATION.

A special general meeting of the members of the Association will be held in the rooms of the Association on Friday (the 17th instant) at 5.45 p.m. (S.T.) to consider and adopt the Rules of the Association as revised by the Council.

MEDICAL RELIEF LEAGUE.

The Annual Gathering of the Medical Relief League, Bombay, will take place at the Hall of the Bombay Marathi Granth Sangrahalaya, Bhai Jeevanjee Lane, Thakoredwar, Girgaum Road, on Friday (the 17th instant), at 5.30 p.m. (S.T.), when the Hon. Justice Mr. Mirza Ali Akbarkhan, will preside.

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CENTRAL BANK FRAUD CASE

ACCUSED GETS 4 1-2 YEARS

In the case against Dorabji Pestonji Gora, formerly a clerk of the Central Bank who was charged before Mr. Justice Fawcett and a common jury with criminal breach of trust and forgery in respect of Government securities of the value of Rs. 30,000, the jury returned a unanimous verdict of guilty on the first charge. On the second charge they were at first divided by 5 to 4, but after reconsideration returned verdict of guilty by a majority of 6 to 3.

His Lordship convicted the accused on both the charges and sentenced him to 4½ and 2 years respectively, which were to run concurrently.

UNLICENSED ARMS AND AMMUNITION.

NEW ARRIVAL ARRESTED AND CONVICTED.

A sensation was caused on Friday morning at the Mole soon after the arrival of the mail boat "Ranchi" when the customs authorities arrested Krishna Pirajirao Ladh, a passenger, with being in possession of a revolver and 25 rounds of ammunition without a license.

Krishna Pirajirao Ladh, was a Second Class Passenger, and arrived from Switzerland. He was arrested by Mr. Thomas Hurst, Customs Preventive Officer at the Mole station and taken to the Police Commissioner. The accused was dressed in English costume and was supposed to belong to the Household of the Ex-Maharani of Indore. He could speak English fluently, but pretended not to know the language and spoke in Urdu. The revolver and the cartridges were put in an envelope and concealed in the Trunk. He had neither licence nor had he declared the articles in the customs form. As soon as he was arrested he was handed over to Inspector Cooper and Deputy Inspector McCarthy who took him to the Police Commissioner who in turn ordered his prosecution before a Magistrate under the Arms Act.

Accordingly he was placed before Mr. H. P. H. Dastur, the Third Presidency Magistrate, in the afternoon with the possession of a revolver and 25 rounds of ammunition without a licence.

Mr. Hurst, in his evidence said that he searched the accused's baggage and discovered the revolver and cartridges When he took the packets the accused tried to snatch them away from his hands but did not succeed.

The accused pleaded guilty to the charge and said that he purchased the pistol while he was in France. No licence was required there. He did not know that a licence was required in India. As he did not know English he did not declare them on the customs form.

The accused was, however, convicted and sentenced to one month's rigorous imprisonment.

OPIUM SEIZURE.

A SMART PIECE OF WORK.

The Excise Department secured a big haul of opium consisting of 103 tolas valued at Rs. 300 on Friday the 10th instant when Inspector Navalkar, of the Department arrested two Mahomedans, Maychellah, and Ramjan at Falkland Road. Acting on information received, Mr. Navalkar sent a bogus customer who was provided with marked notes, to enter into negotiation with the first accused for the sale of the drug. A bargain was struck and as the first accused parted with the stuff to the bogus customer, he was immediately handcuffed by a plain clothes policeman. The second accused ran up and snatching the notes from the first accused decamped with the money but a hue and cry was raised and he was arrested by Mr. Navalkar as he turned the corner of the street. The accused pleaded guilty. Asked by the Court, how the two accused came to be in possession of so many tolas of opium, Mr. Navalkar, stated that according to his information, the stuff arrived on board ship, but the members of the gang fell out with each other, and the two accused, who are dock-labourers, stole the drug and brought it on shore, hoping to dispose of it by driblets. His Worship, Mr. Khairaz sentenced the two accused to six weeks and three weeks' hard labour respectively.

MARWARI RELIEF SOCIETY.

During the month of November last the total number of cases treated through the Charitable Dispensary of the Society was 20,885 of which 13,490 cases were treated by the Allopathic and 7,395 by the Ayurvedic Department.

Houses of 68 indigent patients were visited by the doctors and 110 by the Vaidyas entirely free of charge. 142 urgent cases were attended during the night time. 1,245 cases were attended by the Surgical Department of which 81 came under operation. The average daily attendance during tre month under review was 696 as against 944 of the preceding month of October.

AT HOME TO H. E. LADY WILSON.

To meet Her Excellency Lady Wilson, Mr. Rahimtoola M. Chinoy, President, Bombay Municipal Corporation will be At Home at the King Edward Memorial Hospital Road, Parel, on Tuesday (21st instant) at 5 p.m. (S.T.)

ALLEGED CHEATING AND BIGAMY.

INTERESTING CASE IN THANA.

(From Our Correspondent.)

THANA, Dec. 9.

Yesterday, Mr. B. N. Sanjana, the Additional Session Judge of Thana, disposed of a very interesting case in which at the instance of the complainant, Bhana Jiva a barber of Bhavnagar, one Kana was charged under Sec. 420 I. P. C. (Cheating) and his daughter Mani under Section 494 (Bigamy). The story of the prosecution was as follows:—

The complainant, Bhana Jiva, is at present residing at Bandra on business. It seems he had lost his wife some years ago and was on the look-out for another. He went to Bhavnagar where he saw Kana with whom his daughter, Mani was living. The latter had been married to one Sukha and had a child by him. Sukha having gone elsewhere for work, his wife, Mani, had gone to stay with her father and was there for about a year.

The complainant's case was that the accused, Bhana Jiva, represented to him that Mani's husband was dead some two years ago, and he offered her to him (complainant) in Pat marriage (i.e. Remarriage) for a sum of Rs. 250/-. The complainant, it seems, accepted the offer and a few days afterwards, the Pat Marriage was celebrated at Bandra on 13th October, 1926 in the presence of about 25 guests. According to the custom, clothes and ornaments were presented to the bride and a dinner was given to the guests.

Thereafter, Mani lived with the complainant for six months as his wife. During this interval, her parents visited her and after they had gone back, Mani also disappeared carrying with her the clothes and ornaments given to her.

The complainant's subsequent inquiries revealed to him that Mani's first husband was alive and that she had rejoined him. Therefore, the present complaint was lodged in the Court of the Resident Magistrate of Bandra, who committed the accused to the Sessions.

Bhana Jiva stated in his defence that the complainant was aware of the existence of Mani's first husband, yet, he demanded her in marriage and offered to buy off the divorce of Sukha. The proposal not being accepted, he clandestinely carried her away during his absence. Kana's defence was that the complainant called back while her father was away and promising to treat her and her child well carried her off to Bandra and kept her with him. He had also promised not to touch her person till he purchased the divorce of her first husband.

The accused were tried by the learned Judge with the aid of assessors who found them not guilty. The accused were therefore acquitted.

B'G GANG AT WORK.

The authorities at the Agripada Police Station are investigating a series of cases involving about half-a-lakh of Rupees and more, in which a very clever gang has been systematically carrying on a campaign of burglary, theft and disposing of stolen property. The "modus operandi" of the gang it appears, on approved western methods, realising, in fact, the stunts on the screen armed with all the best appliances of the up-to-date burglar and receiving mandates from a common head. Some arrests have already been made and part of the missing property has been recovered. The arrested persons, were placed "in camera" before Mr Junglewalla, Sixth Presidency Magistrate and a remand for further inquiries obtained.

TELEGRAPH PEON KNOCKED DOWN

On Friday at about mid-night a tragic accident occurred to a Government telegraph peon which unfortunately proved fatal. It appeared Sadu Ramji (15) the cycle peon, was going along Flora Fountain when he was knocked down by a taxi car No. Y—251 driven by Salvador Menzes. He was immediately removed by the police to G. T. Hospital where he was found to be dead, death being due to the fracture of the skull.

The Coroner held an inquest on Saturday and postponed further hearing to enable the police to investigate the case.

DEATH FROM BLOOD POISONING.

Lacha Sukhai a Pardeshi was working in a Chunam Kiln at Sewri about a month ago when he fell into the line. He sustained injury and was removed to King Edward Memorial Hospital where he was treated and allowed to go home. A few days ago he got worse and was removed to J. J. Hospital where it was ascertained that he had developed blood poisoning.

At an inquest held by the Coroner, the Jury returned a verdict of death due to septicamia.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

The following resolution has been passed by the Khalsa Young Men's League of America:—"Be it resolved that the Khalsa Young Men's League of America sends its heartiest congratulations to the Khalsa Panth for the unconditional release of the Akalis prisoners, and further congratulating the released Akalis for their unconditional release and their unselfish services to the Panth, expects that they should be unanimously backed up by the Panth, to carry on the work with the same enthusiastic spirit coupled with perseverance."

At a meeting held in the Principal's bungalow, Gujarat College, Ahmedabad on the 4th inst., it was resolved that an hostel should be started near the college for women students and senior girls in High Schools in Ahmedabad.

According to the Administration Report of the Salt Department in Sind for the year 1925-26, the year has been marked by a decrease from last year's figures both in production and issues, in the former case to the extent of 51,000 maunds and in the latter 40,000 maunds. The consumption of salt in the Province, including consignments imported by sea and Punjab rock salt amounted to 470,833 maunds as against 541,534 in the preceding year.

THE BURLINGTON SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

SUCCESSFUL PERFORMANCE AT GAITY THEATRE.

A crowded house attended the Gaiety Theatre on Saturday night to witness a theatrical performance and farce by Parsi amateurs of the Berlington School of Music. The farce provided was highly appreciated by the audience and reflected great credit on the amateur performers. The familiar story of a pretty girl being bartered to an old and scheming money lender by an impecunious father formed the staple of the play. The dialogues were witty and refreshing and punctuated by loud roars of merriment from the audience who appeared to be in the best of humour throughout the play. Master Fakira rehearsed the part of the unfortunate damsel with great pathos while Master Ardeshir typified the man with more money than brains with food effect. The organisers must have reaped a good harvest and the charities on behalf of which the farce was staged, will undoubtedly be considerably benefited.

GOKHALE EDUCATION SOCIETY.

ARTS AND CRAFTS EXHIBITION.

In connection with the eighth annual gathering, the Gokhale Education Society's Parel High School has organized an Art and Crafts Exhibition to be opened by Mr. M. R. Jayakar, on Friday (the 17th inst.) at 5 p.m. in the school hall (Lavaji Castle, Government Gate Road, Parel). The Exhibition is open for competition to the boys and girls of the Municipal Schools in E, F and G Wards, where the Parel High School has won popularity during the last seven years. The chairman of the Municipal Schools' Committee at the request of the school authorities, has issued circulars to the Municipal Schools for encouraging the children to send their exhibits. It is therefore, hoped that the Municipal School authorities will give a cordial response to the scheme by sending their exhibits before the 15th instant as already communicated to them. The Scouts' corner and the pictures of the leading Bombay artists in the loan-section will be an attractive feature of the Exhibition.

PATHE CINEMA.

According to some writers, the Coal Yard in Drury Lane, a low alley, the last on the east or city side of the lane, was the place of Nell Gwyn's birth. Others assert that the event occurred in a small house of brick and timber, in Pipe Lane, Hereford.

That the Coal Yard was the place of Nell's birth was stated in print as early as 1721, and this was copied by Oldys, a curious inquirer into literary and dramatic matters, in the account of her life which he wrote for Curll.

Of the early history of Nell and of the rank in life of her parents, little is known. Her father, it is said, was Captain Thomas Gwyn, of an ancient family in Wales. Other accounts speak of her father as a fruiterer in Covent Garden.

One thing is certain. Whatever the station in life to which her pedigree entitled her, Nell's upbringing, by her own account, was very humble. She first attracted the attention of Charles II, as an orange seller.

The First National Film, a British Super Production "Nell Gwyn," with Dorothy Gish in the title role and Randle Ayrton as Charles II, is now being exhibited at the Royal Opera House.

SIR PRABHASHANKER ARRIVES IN BHAWNAGAR.

(From Our Correspondent.)

BHAWNAGAR, Dec. 10.

Sir Prabhashanker Patani arrived here in the evening of the 7th. His arrival was not known in official circles till 5 p.m. and the train was due at 5-45. At a short notice, some of the state and railway officers went to Bhawnagar Para Station with garlands. But Sir Prabhashanker, who perhaps did not like to face a public official reception, had got down at Khodiar Mandir Station and so there officers had to go away disappointed. Sir Prabhashanker, after paying his homage to Khodiar Devi, the family goddess of the Maharajas of Bhawnagar, motored to Bhawnagar

The Popular Assembly meets on the 20th and 21st inst. The 20th will be the day for the formal asking and replying to, the questions; on the 21st will be informal discussion. The college will hold its annual social gathering soon after that. The "Lalit Kala Samaj" has decided to stage the famous play "Shah Jahan" of Babu D. L. Roy, recently translated into Gujarati by Mr. Meghani, early in January.

It is understood that, after the arrival of Sir Prabhashanker, Mr. Bhaskarrao Mehta, the Chief Judge who was to go to Junagad as the Judicial Assistant to the Divan, has abandoned the idea of going there.

REDUCTION OF WATER TAX ON MILLS.

At a special meeting of the Standing Committee of the Bombay Municipal Corporation on Friday, further consideration was given to the Budget Estimate for 1927-28.

The Committee resolved to reduce water tax on textile mills from Re. one to annas twelve per 1,000 gallons. After some discussion they decided to retain the existing rate of Re. one per 1,000 gallons in case of Railways and Port Trust.

The Senate of the Calcutta University, welcomed Sir P. C. Ray and Sir J. C. Bose on their return from Europe and Professors S. Radhakrishnan and S. N. Das Gupta from America.

LATEST NEWS.

LONDON, Dec. 12.

Paris.—A Havas Agency message says that M. Jean Richepin, member of Academy is dead.—Reuter.

CALCUTTA, Dec. 12.

At a meeting of the members of the Congress party in the local Council to-day Mr. J. M. Sen Gupta was elected president and leader of the party in Bengal, Dr. Bidhan Chandra Ray as Deputy leader and Mr. Nalini Ranjan Sarkar and Rai Harendra Nath Chowdhury as secretaries. Mr. Sarkar was also reappointed chief whip of the party in the council. Pandit Motilal Nehru who arrived from Allahabad this morning was present at the meeting. He leaves for Gauhati on the 14th instant.—A. P.

LAHORE, December 12.

"Considering what the elections used to be in Britain hundred years ago and what they are to-day in the United States and certain continental countries I feel rather proud to say that the elections just ended have been singularly free from malpractices of a serious nature and voters cast their votes much more intelligently than could be expected from their lack of education" declared Lala Lajpat Rai on the recent elections in India in the course of an interview with the Associated Press representative to-day. Asked what he thought of Pandit Motilal Nehru's recent statement on the elections issued from Allahabad the Lala said that it was full of the Pandit's usual complacency. The Pundit's statement that it was a fight between the forces of nationalism and those of a low order of communalism was entirely beside the point. Thanks to the Lucknow Pact politics in this country had become closely mixed up with communalism. The campaign in the Punjab and the United Provinces had been fought on the clear issue whether the policy of the Swaraj Party as led by Pundit Motilal Nehru had not been harmful to the country at large and Hindus in particular. The electorate had given in both provinces an unequivocal verdict on this issue.

SKIN-DEEP ONLY.

One thing clearly demonstrated in these elections had been the skin-deep character of the so-called nationalism of Swarajists. In constituency after constituency appeal had been made to the fellow castemen of the various Swarajist candidates on the ground of caste. As for the personal vilification of Pandit Nehru he was sincerely sorry for it but no campaign of vilification could have been more thorough, more systematic, more malicious and more mendacious said Lala Lajpatrai than the one carried on in the Punjab by Pandit Nehru's trusted lieutenants. There was no charge that had not been brought against him and no phase of life that was not attacked. He (the Lala) was denounced as one who had sold himself to Government had secret understandings with Lord Birkenhead, was the gramophone of Colonel Wedgwood and had secured employment for his son. The Lala asked Pandit Nehru to read the files of the Lahore vernacular daily started under the latter's auspices in the Punjab and he (the Pundit) would find that his complaint was nothing as compared with the campaign of calumny which had been carried on against him (the Lala) in the province. As regards funds Lalaji said that Pandit's statements were incorrect, vague and misleading. Leaving aside the expenses borne by individual candidates in their own interests the amount spent and contributed by party organisations and party leaders could be easily checked. Why not publish them in full including the amounts invested in newspapers and spent in the support of individual candidates from party war chests, asked Lalaji.

THE LINES OF VOTING.

Voting in his opinion had been more or less personal or politico-communal. Concluding his interview, Lala Lajpatrai said: "But for the splits in the Swarajist camp the elections would have placed the nationalists in an invincible position to put pressure on the bureaucracy. This could be achieved even now if personal egoism and complacency could be put aside and an understanding arrived at in a way honourable to all sides."—A. P.

SHILLONG, Dec 12.

Maulvi Saiyid Muhamad Saduila has been reappointed Minister to administer all the transferred departments.—A. P.

THE WEATHER.

VIGOROUS WESTERN DISTURBANCE

SIMLA, Dec. 12.

The western disturbance has been vigorous in the Northern portion passing eastwards through Kashmir, and the Southern portion lies this morning over Central India. General rain has fallen in North Baluchistan and a few light showers have occurred in North West Frontier Province, Kashmir and hills and plains of the Punjab.

Chief amounts are:—Quetta, Chaman and Kalat half an inch; Port Balir one.

The temperature is markedly above normal in the United Provinces and central parts of country.

Forecast:—Decrease in Baluchistan, extension in United Provinces and increase on the Punjab Hills and Kashmir.—A. P.

CABLE ITEMS.

A London, message of December 12th says:—It is not expected that Sir William Joynson-Hicks will be able to return to the House of Commons until the beginning of the new year.

LONDON, Dec. 11.

A Sydney (New South Wales) message of Saturday says:—Bushfires are causing enormous damage to livestock and crops in North South, and West of State. Thermometer has registered 100 Fahrenheit. The gale is fanning flames and many townships deserted. Change of wind saved Coolamon where women worked heroically carrying water to men who were exhausted from fighting fire. Fourteen large state sheep properties in Yass district are ablaze, Shearingsheds out-buildings and studsheep have been burned.—Reuter's Special.

Men and Matters.

The Nobel Peace prizes have this time become a monopoly of the "major four" Powers. The award has practically amounted to lionising the Imperial gladiators who have not yet succeeded in quenching the fires they have themselves reared. But is the prize earmarked only for the manufacturers of European peace? If the reply is in the negative, one sadly misses the name of Mahatma Gandhi, whom all have recognised as the pillar of world peace.

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Dr. Stresemann is candid enough. Being the first German to be honoured with the Prize he modestly hoped that the future would justify the expectations of the present. So the award is given in anticipation of peace rather than after its actual realisation. Will the recipients sincerely respond?

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Summary evictions of peasants were common in France and Ireland generations ago. With the progress of civilisation editors may have their turn sooner than they expect, especially those who say hard things about the capitalists.

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So many British papers have recently passed into the hands of financial magnates and trusts that the journalists seem to be thoroughly alarmed. The Institute of Journalists has actually approached newspaper proprietors with a proposal that journalists should not be evicted straightway but should receive "at least three months' notice of dismissal or three months' salary." The extreme modesty of the proposal shows that the shadow of coming events has already fallen upon the poor journalists.

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But the following true story may cheer them up. An aspirant after literary fame sent an article to an editor for publication. It was "declined with thanks." So was the second and the third. Then the man changed his mind. He took to business, prospered and bought up the paper that had jilted him. The next day he sent to the editor another article. It came back together with the editor's resignation. Promptly came the boss to the editor and said, "You, you showed me my right place and it is profitable. I am keeping that and you are keeping yours."

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If we remember right, all the rejected articles were then published in book form with a foreword from a local celebrity and it became famous. The author—he could call himself one now—had evidently studied every phase of business.

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It is good to have people to defend things. There are "Defenders of the Realm." As every schoolboy knows the British Kings are "Defenders of the Faith." Coming down from kings to humble individuals one thinks of "Defenders of Unity" like some of our leaders—after they have quarrelled enough and the elections are over.

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A correspondent who writes to us "On the Science of Typewriting" is a defender of that very useful machine. He is very angry with a gentleman who "wrote an article in the Indian Daily"—does not matter which; our correspondent has forgotten the trifling detail in his resentment against the man who dared to run down typewriters.

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The Defender of the Typewriter says the writer "apparently meant to complain" that in typing "the running train of ideas is interrupted" while "in the case of handwriting these ideas the interruption did not occur in their continuity."

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Whatever this may precisely mean, we get the point from a further observation of our correspondent.

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"Different people have different experiences in the matter," he says and proceeds to ask "Does not the art of writing by hand require an additional knowledge of grammar and punctuation and finery to the letters to be written?" Very true, very true indeed—particularly when people get into the habit of writing to the Press!

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"Too much attention is paid in this county to examinations," said Sir Leslie Wilson the other day at the Cathedral High School. We fear His Excellency has not judged correctly. The examination-idea is quite foreign to the genius of the people, who knew nothing of examinations in the good old days, till the British made a fetish of them. And now the principle has received added sanctity, being embodied in the Government of India Act, 1919, which prescribes that India shall be examined in 1929 before she receives any further promotion in the school for self-government.

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We have received a report of the annual Conference of an organisation of Lahore which is known as "Zat-Pat Torak Mandal," which means, in plain English, an association which breaks all fetters of castes and creeds. While there is need of such a Mandal not only in Lahore but in all important cities of India, the greater need of the moment is the starting of an association in Bombay (with ramifications, of course, all over India) under the name and style of "Paksha and Party—torak Mandal," or "Paksha and Mandalis' Bhaksha Karnar Mandal", which must have for its object the destroying of the multifarious parties which enchain poor India and keep the bureaucracy thriving, and which must aim at the formation of one solid Nationalist Party.

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She: "Do you ever see pictures in the fire?"

He (famous art critic): "Not as many as I should like to see there."

OFFICIAL AND PERSONAL.

The Governor of Bombay accompanied by Lady Wilson and attended by his Staff unveiled the Memorial to the late Major H. F. Lodge at the St. Thomas' Cathedral on Sunday.

The Hon. Mr. J. E. B. Hotson, Sir Frank Nelson, Sir Lawless and Lady Hepper, Sir Dinshaw and Lady Bomanji and Mr. W. H. Neilson lunched at Government House Bombay on Sunday.

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THE TASK FOR THE MAHATMA.

An intense desire for a united Congress and for a vigorous joint programme is now expressed all over the country by all sections of the Congress. The earnest appeal for unity by the President and the President-elect of the Congress has met with a splendid response from a number of Provincial Conferences, and from Nationalist leaders and newspapers, barring a few discordant notes here and there which may be regarded as the dying echoes of the election spirit. The fairly successful attempts made by Nationalists in the Bombay Council to unite their forces against Government have been hailed as a move in the right direction. The Anglo-Indian papers are naturally perturbed at the prospect of a united front. The "Evening News" sincerely hopes that the leaders will stick to their party labels "instead of patching up peace treaties and unity agreements of a most deleterious nature." We can understand the anxiety of our contemporary, and, indeed, it is good for us to understand what it is that impresses Government or their allies, the Anglo Indian papers. The "Evening News" consoles itself with the notion that in the face of election pledges it is not open even to the Congress to vary the details of its Council policy in accordance with varying circumstances. But Pandit Motilal himself gives the right reply to this contention. In the interview he gave to the Associated Press he clearly pointed out that the very pledge on the strength of which Congress candidates were returned by the electorate included the right of the Congress to revise its programme as and when necessary.

It is much to be wished that, in deference to the wishes of the country and in the interests of the Congress itself, Panditji and other leaders resume immediately the negotiations for a United Congress which were initiated at Sabarmati, proved abortive for the time being, came tantalisingly near being resmed at Delhi, but which failed to come off just because Panditji and Mr. Jayakar could not meet! The negotiations can be resumed at the point they fell through in May last. The Sabarmati Pact may be dead but the situation which demanded it continues. The two parties to it may be more estranged in temper but their views are not wider apart now than they were then. It is easy to exaggerate the points of difference. But most of these, in so far as they are real, are only off-shoots of the main point of difference not composed in time. It is said, for instance, that the Responsivists do not care much for the constructive programme. This, unfortunately, is true of several individuals but not of the party as a whole. The fact is that because of internecine quarrels both parties have neglected the constructive programme. And those who are concerned about that programme will do the programme and the country a service if they help in ending the quarrels. Practically the only point of difference is with regard to the acceptance of office. The leaders who met at Sabarmati recognised this and confined themselves to this one point. As there was then a disposition to unite, there was an appreciable amount of give and take. In his interview to the Associated Press on 26th April Pandit Motilalji pointed out how the Responsivists, though under the Akola resolution they were free to accept office irrespective of any response from Government, then accepted the Swarajist position that "a satisfactory response by the Government was a pre-requisite for the acceptance under any circumstances." While the Responsivists conceded one important point at Sabarmati, the Swarajist leaders too made a similar concession. They agreed that "if the response made by the Government satisfied the general conditions necessary to secure freedom of action and control of sufficient funds to Ministers with the sole responsibility to the Legislature and also met the special needs of particular provinces, it may be taken as sufficient for the purpose of acceptance of office, though it may not be adequate response to the national demand." The last clause in the above quotation from Panditji's statement of April last is important in view of much loose talk about the nature of Government's response. It shows that though the granting of enough powers to the Ministers to enable them to discharge their responsibilities may suffice for accepting Ministerships, that will not suffice for bringing the national struggle to a close. That struggle will go on till the larger demand by the Congress and the Assembly is conceded by Government, only with the added strength of people's Ministers, responsible to the people and with powers enough to work the Councils in unison with the national efforts outside and to prevent the Executive from being used against the people. In short, then, the parties at Sabarmati substantially agreed as to the conditions of acceptance of office. It was on some nice question of interpretation and the composition of the committee to decide the sufficiency of Government's response that the Pact was wrecked. But we suggest that precisely at this point the same leaders who showed so much spirit of give and take at Sabarmati should resume the negotiations, without caring for personal or party prejudices. We cannot think that the Congress has become so bankrupt of statesmanship as not to be capable of a happy settlement over this question of Ministerships, by no means the most important item in the country's struggle.

It is stated that the President-elect of the Congress has invited leaders of all parties to be present at the Congress, as he hopes that their presence will be helpful. Their presence will be most helpful only if the Congress leaders themselves have previously composed their differences. Mrs. Naidu is calling together a Conference of Congress leaders immediately before the Gauhati Congress for discussing the question of unity. This is only to be expected from one who has taken the lead in the matter. But we should much prefer immediate action being taken by a few leaders at once at Wardha at Mrs. Naidu's or the President-elect's initiative. They will there have a quieter atmosphere in addition to the advantage of Mahatma Gandhi's presence and advice, and there will be a better chance for a Wardha Pact. Everybody knows that the Sabarmati Pact owed not a little to the good offices of Mahatmaji. An equally great task awaits him now, and we are confident that he will not spare himself in bringing about unity in the Congress. The "Evening News" has spread the canard that Mahatmaji is going to be a mute spectator at the Congress. But the country knows Mahatmaji to be for too much alive to the need for unity and for a better chance for the constructive programme to believe for a moment that he will be only a spectator of a fratricidal feud. We fervently hope that Mahatmaji will inaugurate his re-entry into politics with the achievement of a United Congress.

THE "HERALD" EXPOSED.

We pointed out on a previous occasion how Mr. Dadubhai had shown himself to be unequal to the task of organising an effective and united opposition in the Bombay Legislative Council and how the task was being undertaken by more capable hands with an assurance of success. The one object which those undertaking the task should pursue, if they are to be successful in further exposing the humbug of Dyarchy, is to take care to see that the spirit of resistance to the high-handedness of the bureaucracy is not weakened and that the Opposition they form should transcend communal or territorial affinities or consideration. Both Mr. Dadubhai Desai and Mr. Pradhan had directed their efforts towards securing this object. But the methods of their approach to this objective, however, created needless misunderstandings. The circular letter that Mr. Lalji Naranji has issued to non-official members of the Council will remove these misunderstandings and pave the way for the attainment of the common object both have in view. But, unfortunately, there are some people in Bombay who do not desire that the progressive elements in the Bombay Council should present an undivided front to the bureaucracy, because they are afraid that their occupation of posing as the sole monopolists of political wisdom would be gone and because they have made up their mind to denounce everything which they can connect somehow or other with persons they have on their brain. That is the only explanation we can offer for the ill-natured and amazing attempt of the "Indian National Herald" to pervert Mr. Lalji Naranji's proposal with a view to serve its sinister purpose of vilifying and discrediting Mr. Jayakar. To its jaundiced eyes Mr. Lalji Naranji's move to establish a united front to the bureaucracy and its henchmen is only a manoeuvre to job a particular individual into a Ministership, and a ruse to exclude the Swarajists. Having made this assumption—an assumption necessary for its vendetta against Mr. Jayakar—it proceeds to prove Mr. Lalji's abetment of the crime by revealing the constitution of Mr. Lalji's party. The "Herald" writes:—

> "The proposed constitution of the proposed party states its object as being
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> 'to secure the greatest good for the Presidency by means of a forward and progressive policy and in particular . . . to resist all unjust proposals for taxation and to have control over expenditure which may be made by Government'.

To this end the party is to "accelerate" all Nation-building activities, to 'advance the cause of education' and

> 'to move resolutions and introduce and support measures and bills, which are necessary for the healthy growth of national life and the advancement of the economical, agricultural, industrial and commercial interests of the country.'

Having made these quotations the journal proceeds to put this interpretation on them that "'the Party is in fact, to 'work constructively' in a 'Parliamentary manner'" and to conclude that "this, of course, will exclude the Swarajists." Could perversity further go than in this amazing interpretation and still more amazing conclusion? Is there anything in the objects of the proposed Party to which any Congressman can object? If the "Herald" had read the text of the Cawnpore Congress resolution it would have found that the objects which Mr. Lalji has in view are exactly those mentioned in that resolution. That resolution lays down, among other things, that "in particular Congressmen in the legislatures shall move resolutions and introduce and support measures and bills which are necessary for the healthy growth of national life and the advancement of the economical, agricultural, industrial and commercial interests of the country." Will not the "Herald", if it is consistent, describe this injunction of the Congress as "working constructively" in a "Parliamentary manner?" But we forget. Anything that even the Congress orders to do becomes a crime in the eyes of the "Herald" because of its association with Mr. Jayakar. According to the "Herald" Mr Jayakar can do nothing right. Is Mr. Jayakar trying to secure a united opposition in the Council? The movement must be denounced because Mr. Jayakar is associated with it. It is not for the "Herald" to judge any movement on its merits and to ascertain the truth about it. Its sole purpose evidently is to exploit every attempt to promote unity in Nationalist ranks for the purpose of giving vent to its fury against Mr. Jayakar. Now that it knows that Messrs. Nariman and Ginwala have blessed Mr. Lalji's movement, it must denounce them as abettors in Mr. Jayakar's conspiracy to betray his country. So far as the public are concerned, we have no doubt they have realised the disservice that the "Herald", maddened as it is by its unreasoning hostility to Mr. Jayakar, is doing to the national cause.

SWARAJISTS ON THEIR TRIAL

CULT OF CONDITIONAL CO-OPERATION!

(BY POLITICUS.)

(I.)

The Sir Oracle of the Swaraj party has at last spoken. In a cryptic message sent by Pundit Motilal Nehru to the Behar Provincial Conference he had expressed general satisfaction with the results of the elections and had reiterated, his unflinching determination to carry out the policy of obstruction in the Provincial Councils and the Indian Assembly. The fiery Pundit has now broadcasted his views more fully and has left no room for any misunderstandings. He admits now for the first time that "in the U. P. there has been a veritable rout of the Swarajists" and that "defeat is no word for it." But no sooner had he summed up the obvious fact of the situation, the Pundit hurried off to more slippery ground and entered upon a vehement denunciation of the "low order of communalists reinforced by wealth, wholesale corruption, terrorism and falsehood"—which, of course, were said to be responsible for this disastrous rout.

The People's Verdict.

It is not the purpose of this article to diagnose the situation in the U. P. and the Punjab (where also the Swarajists have been miserably defeated) but to discuss the future policy of Council work to be settled at the Gauhati Congress. It may, however, be said in passing that Swarajist policy of tepid and futile obstruction culminating in the dramatic exit was mainly responsible for the rousing communal propaganda which thrived on the great harm done to the large majority of the people by the suicidal absenteeism of the Swarajists. It is now no use concealing the fact that the fateful policy of the walk-out was conceived as a great electioneering stunt to daze and dazzle the people who had been disappointed by the endless modifications of their original policy, resulting in their frequent co-operation with the Government. And if the Swarajists have lost considerable ground in the Legislative Assembly as well as in all the Provincial Councils—with the only exceptions of Madras and Behar and Orrissa—it clearly means that the country has, as it were, condemned in the most unequivocal manner the false stunts and the ruses of the Swarajists who have always talked of obstruction and yet have actually acted on the much-maligned principles of responsive co-operation.

None So Blind.

There are none so blind, however, as those who will not see, and Pundit Motilalji while deeply stung at heart by the failure of his clever tactics still refuses, to learn anything from the obvious verdict of the people against him and to unlearn any of the shibboleths which have been so long his stock-in-trade. He still desperately clings to his favourite battle-cry and catch-phrases, forgetting that they now jar on the ears of all disillusioned people. With depleted ranks in the Assembly and in all but two councils he still hopes to offer obstruction and to wreck ministries, and has the temerity to observe "that, in spite of our reverses in "certain" provinces we are much stronger in the country as a whole, and can offer battle to the bureaucracy much more effectively in the Assemblies and at least three or four Provincial Councils." The test of the pudding lies in the eating of it and it would, therefore, not be out of place to show how the Pundit's brave maxims have already been smashed to atoms by the eloquent words and the more eloquent silence of his erstwhile followers—or shall I say his new leaders?—and he verily looks like a Rip Van Vinckle who has already failed to keep in living touch with the latest political currents in the country.

Who Buried the Pact?

For a fuller understanding of the present situation we must hark back to the conversations that sealed and then scrapped the Sabarmati Pact. It will be recalled that Pundit Motilalji, Mrs. Naidu and Mr. Jayakar first arrived at an understanding with a view to eliminate the growing friction between Swarajists and Responsivists and whatever the Pundit choose to say afterwards nobody doubts that he had not the National Demand presented in the Assembly in his mind when he signed the Pact. But interested agitation was simultaneously developed at Bombay and Madras and the local leaders who saw the risk of being eliminated from candidature at one place and of being ruled by the Justice Party at another went down to Sabarmati with a firm determination to destroy the "unholy" Pact. They had no difficulty in succeeding as the strict interpretation of the Cawnpore resolution left the shrewd Pundit no alternative but to forego tre Pact and beat a retreat under the cover of political casuistry. he should, therefore, expect the Swarajist stalwarts of Madras and Bombay to be absolutely adamant; not only regarding the acceptance of offices but also regarding their unqualified opposition to the Ministerial system itself. But the thumping Swarajist victory at Madras as contrasted with their depleted ranks in the Bombay Council have evidently salved their leaders who while no doubt following varying tactics are very far removed from the cherished goal of destroying dyarchy.

Conditional Co-operation!

The situation at Madras is quite clear. As soon as Swarajists scored a victory beyond their very best dreams they had no difficulty in enunciating their main principles: first, that they themselves were bound by their election pledges, not to accept any offices, and, second, that no Ministry of the Justice Party could be countenanced for a second as the electorate had rung the death knell of that party. So Mr. Narasinha Raju, the Swarajist leader, refused to form a Ministry and the Panagal Ministry was at last turned out. But why were the local leaders from the very beginning so insistent on killing communalism instead of killing dyarchy as they should have done as "pucca" Swarajists? And why did they and their papers preserve an astute silence from the beginning about the third alternative—which the Governor had alternately to take—of appointing Ministers from the Independent Party? Nay, more. The Press and the platforms alike over both of which Swarajists wield very great influence—rang with cries of jubilation and exultation over the dethronement of the old and appointment of the new Ministers. But the matter has proceeded even still further. For prominent Swarajists have even gone to the length of talking—though somewhat vaguely—of according 'conditional support' to the Independent Ministers and a responsible Congress organ like the "Hindu" has definitely stated that the "Congress Party in the Council "is pledged to three things—support of all measures making for the good of the people, opposition to all measures likely to harm them, and strenuous fight for the dethronement of the bureaucracy" and that "the degree of support which the Ministry will receive from the Congress Party will, we fancy, be strictly in proportion to the extent to which the former is ready to co-operate with it in the realisation of these aims." Now all this strangely accords with the policy of Responsivism. And whatever there is in these lines, there is surely not a word about carrying Pandit Motilalji's mandate of destroying the Ministries altogether. It will be agreed that if there is a chance anywhere of killing dyarchy it is only in Madras. Is it not, therefore, strange that the great stalwarts who were chiefly responsible for burying the Sabarmati Pact, a burial which led to all the venemous propaganda since developed, should not only say a word about battering and shattering the stronghold of Ministry but also even accord—if a very authoritative private report is to be believed—their jubilant and general support to the new Ministers?

Responsive Co-operation by the Back Door.

A word about the No-changers' attitude before we take leave of Madras. It is not necessary to dilate at this advanced stage on Mr. C. Rajagopalachari's advice to support a Justice Ministry if it would publicly dissociate itself from communalism or Mr. George Joseph's frank advice to form a Swarajist Ministry in spite of their election pledges. As, however, the Swarajists have ultimately taken a course which Mr. Joseph had apprehended from the beginning—that is of supporting from outside any Independent Ministry—it may be useful to reproduce his warning on the eve of the Gauhati Congress. In a letter to the "Hindu" he remarks:

> "The proposal that the Congress Party, while not taking office should maintain in power the Independents on a non-communal basis seems altogether unintelligible. Assumption of office is one alternative; determined opposition to any possible Ministry is another, and both are honourable. But refusal to take up responsibility combined with wirepulling to keep somebody else in office is constitutionally improper and ill accords with the dignity of the great national organisation. Power divorced from responsibility will harm both parties. It will give rise to intrigues and demoralisation."

So the Madras Swarajists have taken a course which such a fire-eater as Mr. Joseph—and we may presume many other No-Changers—consider any thing but honourable. It, indeed, looks like Responsive Co-operation by the backdoor—and a double quick march on that road too, for leaders who would not listen to anything of its unholy accents but a few months ago.

In a subsequent atiele the present writer will deal with the doings of their Bombay colleagues who are carrying out their master's mandate in a manner all their own.

AN APPRECIATION.

To the Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—Allow me to express through your valuable columns my appreciation of the invaluable instruction derived from your excellent paper.

It is needless to dwell upon the various interesting, useful and instructive features of your paper. Suffice it to say that if the "Bombay Chronicle" is not the best, it is at least one of the best of the leading Indian dailies.

But, as an amateur politician, what attracts my special interest is your column for beginners. If you continue in your innovation-introduction to the rudiments of politics which will be the most useful asset of your paper you will be doing India a great and meritorious service. India is only just beginning to be politically conscious, but the consciousness is not uniform; and unless we all become sensible of our needs, rights and duties the time for India to achieve liberty is far ahead. I would suggest, that a whole page should be devoted to this most instructive feature of your paper, headed "Politics for Beginners." There is absolutely no fear of want of matter, as the subject itself is inexhaustible and tyro-politicians are never wanting.

If you wish that your paper should be as eagerly sought by the young as it is by the old, supply Young India with political instruction.—Yours, etc.,

HUSSANALLY ABDUL RAHIM.

Inter-College, Aligarh,
Dec. 9.

(We are glad to have this unsolicited appreciation from far away Aligarh, of our attempt to provide some notes for beginners in Politics, for their instruction, and so will we are sure, be their author "G. L. M." As our correspondent says, there is an inexhaustible field of study for the beginners of whom the number is legion. "Tyro-politicians are never wanting," he remarks, but we wish those who desired to launch into politics only after suitable instruction from "G. L. M." were greater in number. Let this frank tribute of admiration for his efforts be a reminder to them of the value of such preliminary study.—Editor, "B.C.")

Notes of the Day.

A Legislative Check.

The very commendable effort on behalf of Parliament to prevent the publication of unsavoury and salacious details in case of proceedings in court for divorce led to an interesting discussion on Friday in the House of Commons when a measure for regulating the reports of such proceedings came up for being read a third time. Sir Henry Slesser pointed out a real hardship to journalism, when he said that the measure should not apply to publications, imported from abroad into Britain containing such offending material. Another Labour member who was against the amendment of Sir Henry Slesser, threw an interesting sidelight on the present British avidity for reading nauseous details concerning divorce cases when he declared that if the amendment was carried most of the British newspapers could be printed abroad. Evidently what they want urgently in Great Britain now is a severe check on yellow journalism which revels in the publication of such details.

Flouting Public Opinion.

The Government of Bombay are determined to continue their policy of flouting public opinion in regard to "Lloyd's Folly." They set at nought the views of the Committee they themselves appointed to consider the question of further continuance of the Reclamation Scheme, they disregard the warning given in the interim report of the Mears' Committee about the financial soundness of such continuance and declare their intention in a Press Note of filling up Block No. 7. The Indian Merchants' Chamber and Bureau have done well in making a spirited protest in their reply to this Press Note. They point out that the Kay Committee had observed in their report that "with a present value of Rs. 45.50 lakhs and a recoupment of Rs. 36.97 lakhs the reclamation and development of this area is not a paying proposition." The Chamber also draw attention in their letter of protest to the Mears' Committee's remark in their interim report that they "were impressed with the uncertainty regarding the date and rates at which the land, if reclaimed, could be disposed of and felt doubtful if it could be a sound proposition financially." But the Government of Bombay in total disregard of these warnings pursue their reckless policy of throwing good money after bad in the Back Bay. The first thing the new Legislative Council ought to do is to pass a vote of censure against them for this flouting of public opinion, whose leaders must not rest in their agitation for the complete reversal of the Government policy.

The Real Purpose.

Sir Hugh Stephenson, the Governor Designate of Bihar and Orissa, has given a warning to those who are concerned in keeping the management of the Calcutta Improvement Trust in safe hands, in other words in keeping it out of the hands of the people's representatives. The chief spirit behind the manufacture of the Bengal Ordinance said in his eulogy of Mr. Bompas for the work he had done for the Trust that one of the dangers in the path of that body was the Swarajists' determination to give it a democratic constitution. This is not at all to the liking of Sir Hugh and other "burra sabs" for whom the value of the Trust lies in constructing arterial roads "to assist in the preservation of law and order." This is an interesting confession of what is really behind the official enthusiasm for "efficient town planning." The great thing is to provide easy communications for the rapid movement of troops. The taxpayer in Calcutta has naturally other ideas of the Trust's duties. But unless he insists upon its democratisation it will continue to remain only an instrument for the preservation of "law and order."

The One Sure Path.

As 'boss' of the world's high finance and big business, America suffers from that temporary insanity of a Great Power which envisages the world as the natural prize of her superior material organisation. In the early days of the idea of international arbitration against War, America professed complete agreement and, in fact, led the crusade for arbitration. She went so far as the formulation of the Bryan treaties which were little more than approaches by way of Commissions of Inquiry to the more imperative question of compulsory arbitration. But while other nations have advanced considerably further than the Bryan treaties America has remained discreetly out of any binding engagements by evading membership both of the World Court and the League of Nations. An American pacifist writes: "Naturally, nations which are jealous of their sovereign rights are slow to make treaties of compulsory arbitration, but in the acceptance of compulsory arbitration lies the one sure path towards peace." In these days, when the nations within the League have gone almost as far in the acceptance of compulsory arbitration as they have done in the treaties of conciliation, what excuse have America and Great Britain to remain outside of international obligations for peace? Jealousy of their sovereign rights, of course. But such jealousies are high explosives. And explosives have a way of blowing up not only other nations but even your own.

An Absentee Raja.

Even an extortionist resident landlord is a blessing, compared with an absentee landlord, said Dr. Ray to the Agricultural Commission. What would he have thought of an absentee Rajah, practically away from his State for nearly thirty years? Yet that is the record of the Rajah of Pudukottah. It is said that there has been continuous famine in the State for the last six years but the Rajah is away in distant lands and spends his people's money, and is said to have declared his resolve not to return to his State. As if this were not enough to exasperate the people, the Rajah is to receive, the "Hindu" understands, a "gift" of Rs. 20 lakhs from the State funds, though the balance in the reserve is only Rs. 25 lakhs. This is enough to try the patience of a Job. It was but natural that the subjects who recently met in a Conference made no bones about their feelings about such a man. The proposal by some ultra-loyalist that the Ruler should be requested to return and that his son by his Australian wife should be declared his successor was summarily thrown out by an overwhelming majority.

INCORRIGIBLE "HERALD."

HOIST WITH ITS OWN PETARD

M LALJI NARANJI'S MOVE TOWARDS UNITY.

MESSRS. NARIMAN AND GINWALA'S APPROVAL.

In its Sunday's issue the "Herald" denounced Mr. Lalji Naranji's effort to bring together all the members of the Bombay Legislative Council in one United Opposition Party as a "new ruse" of Mr. Jayakar to keep the Swarajists out. In its fury against Mr. Jayakar the "Herald" omitted to acquaint itself with the fact that Messrs. Nariman and Ginwala had supporte Mr. Lalji's efforts.

SWARAJISTS NOT TO BE EXCLUDED.

The "Indian National Herald" has finally committed a disastrous mistake on account of its insensate hatred of Mr. Jayakar and its fanatical opposition to all that is even remotely associated with him. The reason of its latest outburst is quite simple. Mr. Lalji Naranji issued a general invitation through the Associated Press on Saturday afternoon to all elected members of the Bombay Legislative Council to confer at his office on the 16th instant, the same day having been chosen by Mr. Dadubhai Desai for a meeting of his Party with a view to "bring together as large a number of members as possible who are prepared to work in the Council for greatest good of the Presidency." And then he has specifically stated in that letter that "it is intended ..... to bring together as comprehensive a group of members as possible and 'not to exclude any section of members' who are working on national lines." But these words are as nothing to the "Herald" which, as we have so often stated in our columns, seeks to thrive on the ignorance of its readers and on dissensions in this country. It, therefore, rushes to denounce this well-meant move as one more attempt to exclude the Swarajists from the new combination to satisfy the supposed malice of Messrs. Jayakar and Pradhan.

A MOVE TOWARDS UNITY.

To all sturdy Nationalists, who are not accustomed to drink every morning at this new fountain of wisdom, it is as clear as day-light that Mr. Lalji has only broadened the basis of unity offered by Mr. Dadubhai Desai and steered clear of some of Mr. Pradhan's words that were open to some misunderstanding. There are two clauses in Mr. Desai's provisional constitution which would, in effect exclude all Responsivists and unduly favour the Swarajists. Mr. Desai would, for instance, commit every member to an indiscriminate opposition to all proposals for new taxation with a view to show off its fighting spirit, forgetting that there may come up bills levying or increasing taxes on, for example, betting or drinking. In any event Responsivists who are pledged, as they contend, to the rational policy of opposing or supporting all measures according to the merits of each case cannot be expected to subscribe to such a creed which would ask members as it were to wear their patriotism on their sleeves.. And then Mr. Desai's constitution would give to the Swarajists complete immunity from all party discipline on all matters on which they felt bound by the mandate of their own Party. The immunity section though couched in general terms would benefit the Swarajists alone as none else could plead the mandate of any outside authority.

ERRORS CORRECTED.

Mr. Lalji Naranji's letter seeks to correct both these errors, in an admirable manner. Even the special information which has been vouchsafed by the "Herald" confirms this view. For what could be more appropriate than to unite all members "to resist all 'unjust proposals for taxation' and to have control over expenditure which may be made by Government?" This is certainly better than the irrational opposition to 'all proposals' for taxation which Mr. Dadubhai would enforce. Mr. Lalji is also reported to have reinstated the fundamental principles of party discipline—without which no party can offer effective opposition to Government, by making it obligatory on all members to vote as one man on which it agrees by a two-thirds majority. But this is too much for poor "Herald" which wants special privileges for the small group of Swarajists without regard for the homogeneous working of the United Party.

MESSRS NARIMAN AND GINWALLA'S APPROVAL.

Finally would the "Herald" be surprised to know that Messrs. Nariman and Ginwalla, who have studiously refrained from associating with its unholy campaign have already expressed their general approval of Mr. Lalji Naranji's effort at forming a broad-based Nationalist Party? It would be interesting to know what Mr. Nariman, who is a Director of the "Herald", has to say about its fatuous and venomous attacks on Mr. Jayakar and the Responsivists. But we will not anticipate. The cup of the "Herald's" sins is full indeed and it is in the fitness of things that its full punishment were visited upon it by a thorough exposure of its infamous policy.

WANTED ALL-HINDU MINISTRY

The Hindu Sabha of Poona has passed a resolution that in view of the fact that Hindus form a large majority of the total population of the Bombay Presidency it is injustice, if at least two Ministerships are not given to Hindus, and inasmuch as in the last Legislative Council of Bombay two Ministerships had been given to Mahomedans, it is necessary as a matter of justice that His Excellency should nominate three Hindu Ministers this time.—A. P.

SARGODHA SEED FARM.

SIR M. HAILEY'S OUTBURST.

SARGODHA, Dec. 11.

Sir Malcolm Hailey in performing the opening ceremony of the new agricultural farm gave some interesting reminiscences of the origin of the old Sargodha seed farm in which he had taken enthusiastic part in 1904. Concluding he said:—"You certainly give the lie to that idiotic falsehood, which could only have been invented in a province far more stupid than Punjab ever was or ever could be, that the main object of the Agricultural Department is to secure orders for manufacturers of English agricultural implements."—A. P.

TEXTILE WORKERS' DELEGATION

CALCUTTA, Dec. 11.

Rt. Hon. Thomas Shaw, M.P., is due in Calcutta from Madras on the 21st instant. He will stay here till 2nd January. The Kankinarrah Labour Union will present him with an address. Mr. Shaw will visit the jute mill area and meet Hon. J. Donald, member in charge of Labour. He will also visit Kharagpur, Tatanagar and Collieries at Anasol upto January 22nd and spend four days at Cawnpore, two days at Agra, six days at Delhi, two days at Jaipur, three days at Indore. five days at Nagpur and other cotton centres in C. P. and sails from Bombay on February 26th.—A. P.

It is reported that after the departure of Their Excellencies the Viceroy and Lady Irwin from the Howrah station for the Government House, on Friday morning, a bicycle belonging to a member of His Excellency's staff was stolen. The Police are making enquiries.—A. P.

"WHISPERING GALLERY"

SIR RENNELL RODD IN COURT.

LONDON, Dec. 11.

Sir Rennell Rodd was called as witness on the resumption of the Hesketh Pearson case. He said that he did not recollect ever meeting Mr. Pearson or of having heard of him before the book was published. He denied furnishing him with any material for the purpose of publication. Witness was in Italy when Pearson alleged he had been in communication with him.

In cross examination he denied having been in the places where the interviews reported in the book were stated to have been held. He was never in India, and had never stayed with Rhodes in Africa, but the latter had stayed with him in Manzibar.

The hearing was adjourned.—Reuter's Special.

OXYGEN TANKS IN SICKROOM

JAPANESE EMPEROR'S CONDITION CRITICAL.

LONDON, Dec. 12.

Tokio.—The Emperor's condition is so critical that oxygen tanks have been installed in his sickroom. His pulse is very weak and heart-stimulants have been applied.—Reuter.

A London message of Dec. 11 says:—A serious turn in the condition of the Emperor of Japan has caused Prince Chichibu, who is studying at Oxford, to book the earliest passage home.—Reuter.

Luxemburg.—The European Steel cartel has decided to reduce its production by one and a half million tons for the first three months of 1927.—Reuter.

BOMBAY COUNCIL MEMBERS.

ATTEMPT AT COMMON COUNCIL PROGRAMME.

MR. LALJI NARANJI'S CIRCULAR.

BOMBAY, Dec. 11.

The following circular letter has been addressed to the elected members of the Bombay Legislative Council by Mr. Lalji Naranji:—

"Dear Sir:—As it has been found by experience that if the members of the Legislative Council work only in small groups and have no opportunities of coming together and formulating their line of action either on particular points that come before it or on any general programme, it is considered advisable by some of the elected members that an attempt should be made to bring together as large a number of members as possible who are prepared to work in the Council for the greatest good of the presidency.

TO FURTHER NATIONAL CAUSE.

The detailed constitution and programme will be settled at the meeting itself if such an organization comes to be formed. The object is to further the national cause by means of every kind of action that can be taken in the Council itself. It is intended

Mr. Sadashivrao alias Khasgrao Pawar who was elected to the Bombay Council from the Poona District Non-Mahomedan rural constituency.

that the attempt should be to bring together as comprehensive a group of members as possible and not to exclude any section of members who are working on national lines as distinguished from merely communal or territorial lines.

INVITATION TO ELECTED MEMBERS.

I shall therefore be obliged by your kindly making it convenient to attend a meeting of all the elected members at 2 p.m. on Thursday the 16th December at my office at Ewart House, Tamarind Lane, Fort, even at great personal inconvenience.

As the time is short, this communication has been sent to the press for publication. An individual invitation has been sent to every elected member of the Council, but in the event of any member not receiving it in time, I hope this notice in the Press will be taken as a personal invitation and that every elected member will make it a point to attend.

The meeting will not be open to the Press but a communication may be published at the end of the meeting if it is found advisable.—A. P.

COUNCIL NATIONALIST PARTY

MEETING ON 16TH.

Rao Saheb Dadubhai P. Desai asks as to publish the following letter which he has addressed to the members of the Bombay Legislative Council:—

You are no doubt aware from newspaper reports that a party entitled the Bombay Council Nationalist Party has already been started with a constitution (copy herewith enclosed) which makes it possible for all groups of members holding nationalist views to come together and form an united opposition.

I was expecting to hear from you that you were willing to be a member of that party, but, so far, I have received no communication on the subject from you. I have therefore addressed this letter to you with a request that you will kindly intimate to me your consent to join the party without delay.

It is proposed to convene the first meeting of the party in Bombay on the 16th at a place and time to be intimated later in newspapers. May I hope that if possible you will let me have your consent by wire.

I am glad to inform you that most of the Swarajists have joined this party, and that the total number of members who have so far joined is 21. z z

CONSTITUTION.

1. Name: The party shall be called the Bombay Council Nationalist Party.

2. Membership: Any member of the Bombay Legislative Council shall be eli-

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'LIESA ND MISREPRESENTATIONS."

PANDIT MOTILAL ON ANTI-SWARAJIST METHODS.

RIGHT OF CONGRESS TO CHANGE PROGRAMME.

ALLAHABAD, Dec. 10.

Pandit Motilal Nehru interviewed by the Associated Press about his views on the cause of the Swarajist defeat in the elections in the United Provinces and elsewh said:—

"In the U. P. there has been a veritable rout of the Swarajists. Defeat is no word for it. But this was not because they were Swarajists but because they were Nationalists. Political programmes of the various parties had nothing to do with the elections. It was a fight between the forces of nationalism and those of the low order of communalism reinforced by wealth, wholesale corruption, terrorism and falsehood. 'Religion in danger' was the cry of the opponents of the Congress, both Hindu and Mahomedan. I have been freely denounced as an enemy of Hindus and their religion, a beef-eater and destroyer of cows, supporter of prohibition of music before mosques and the one man responsible for the stoppage of Ramlila processions in Allahabad. I could only contradict these lies in public meetings held in important district centres but they had penetrated into the far off villages and hamlets which I could not possibly reach. Staying in the dak and inspection bungalows and eating food cooked in European style was taken to confirm the lying propaganda.

CRUSHED UNDER WEIGHT OF GOLD.

After criticising the election tactics and speeches of the other party Pandit Motilal said there was no end to misrepresentations. He made serious allegations against the methods; used by non-Congress party to secure votes and remarked that the greatest display of wealth and all that money could buy was given in the Benares-Gorakhpur division where the Congress candidate was said to be simply crushed under the weight of gold. Pandit Nehru declared, "An anti-Swarajist paper has repeatedly referred to the big "war chest" of the Congress and given sole credit for the success of the non-Swarajist candidates to the merits of propaganda of Pandit Malaviya and Lala Lajpatrai who it has stated started campaign 'without necessary sinews of war.' A greater falsehood was never uttered. It is well known that the Congress granted Rs. 25,000 only towards the election expenses throughout the country. As for funds employed by the Swaraj Party in its all India campaign I paid out every rupee of it and can say from what I know of the lavish expenditure from the other side that the total amount spent by the Swaraj Party in the whole country was less than what two Independent Congressmen Messrs. Birla and Chunnilal Garg spent on their elections, leaving alone large sums of money paid by Mr. Birla to the other proteges of Pandit Malaviya and Lala Lajpatrai in U. P. in Behar at least two defeated non-Swarajists cannot have spent anything under Rs. 50,000 each."

SWARAJIST STRENGTH.

Asked his opinion about the Swarajist generally in Councils and the Assembly and whether there will be any change in the programme they intended to follow Pandit Motilal Nehru said: "In spite of our reverses in certain provinces we are much stronger in the country as a whole to-day than we were after the elections of 1923 and can offer battle to the bureaucracy much more effectively in the Assembly and in at least three or four provincial councils. It is for the Gauhati Congress to lay down the programme. I am not in a position to say what it is going to be."

The representative then asked: "Are you not bound to carry out the pledges you have given to the electorate without any regard to Congress resolutions."

Pandit Motilal replied: "Certainly not. You have to see what was the pledge given. These are the exact words: Further agree that in case I am elected I shall faithfully carry out the policy and programme of the work laid down in the resolutions of the Indian National Congress adopted at Cawnpore and resolutions of the All-India Congress Committee dated 6th and 7th March, 1926 and in any election manifesto to be issued by the Working Committee. I shall also faithfully observe all rules and carry out all instructions which may be issued from time to time by the All India Congress Committee or its Working Committee or by the Party in the Assembly or the Council for the guidance of the elected members of the Legislative Assembly or Provincial Council."

It is absolute trash to say that Congress has no right to frame a programme. By electing Congressmen on the above pledge the electorate itself gave that right to the Congress."—A. P.

the Patna and Chotanagpur cum Orissa constituency and Babu Sidheswara Sinha for the Gaya cum Monghyr constituency.—A.P.

PANDIT MOTILAL IN CALCUTTA.

CONFERENCE WITH BENGAL LEADERS.

CALCUTTA, Dec. 12.

Pandit Motilal Nehru arrived here this morning by the Punjab Mail. He was received at Howrah by Mr. J. M. Sen Gupta and others. Panditji meets Bengal leaders to-day and to-morrow at the residence of Mr.

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M. C. C. ALL OUT FOR 435.

PRESIDENCY TEAM'S COLLAPSE.

DISMISSED FOR A PALTRY 115.

INNINGS' DEFEAT IN STORE?

M. C. C.	..	..	1st Innings	435
PRESIDENCY.	..	..	,, ,,	115
,,	..	..	2nd Innings	41 (for 2 wkts.)

With 7 wickets and 312 runs already at their back, the visitors resumed batting; but the previous day's record was not allowed to be repeated and they were dismissed for an addition of 123 runs only, thus bringing their score at the fall of wicket to 435, a record in the M. C. C. Bombay matches.

After lunch the Presidency Team commenced their first innings which proved a disastrous collapse. Before Tea interval 9 were out for 115, the top scorer being Meyer with 34 runs.

As B. Kapadia could not bat the Presidency innings closed for 115. Following on the Presidency had made 41 for the loss of two wickets when stumps were drawn for the day.

SERIES OF SURPRISES.

Sunday did not provide very bright batting and the day was singularly devoid of incident. The fourth match of the M.C.C. visit was resumed between the visitors and the Bombay Presidency team on Sunday when bowlers had it all their own way and some good performances were put up. The M.C.C. who began with a score of 312 runs for 2 wickets could only improve on it by 123 runs by lunch-time, while the Presidency team was trundled out for a paltry 115 runs. Admittedly the Presidency team was not one which exactly gloried in its batsmen, but it contained at least five men who could give a good account of themselves, and the fact that the side was dismissed for so poor a score reflects great credit on the bowling and fielding. Geary was the most successful bowler with an analysis of five wickets for 28 runs. He began well by bowling Kalapesi with the second ball of the match, and maintained his speed and length with deadly effect. Boyes got a couple of cheap wickets towards the end: and Wyatt bowled very well though with little luck. Astill has invariably proved to be the man to break up a dangerous partnership. Just when Colah and Vajifdar appeared to be settling down, Astill came and had the latter caught near the boundary line. The fielding was magnificent, Tate, especially showing up well.

Wyatt and Astill continued their unfinished innings and after some quiet batting Wyatt was dismissed by Kalapesi who brought off a good catch. Wyatt's splendid innings consisted of six hours of good patient cricket, during which time he had collected 138 runs. Astill contributed 53 runs which he obtained, generally, by well-timed late-cuts and leg strokes. Although Parsons did not score many runs his innings was an object lesson of free and clean driving, while Gilligan is always an attractive player to watch. The Maharaja of Patiala had a short merry life in which he scored a six.

The Presidency began badly by losing Kalapesi off the second ball, and the disasters continued until Travers and Meyer came together when a sterling partnership ensued. Both played free and fearless cricket, and when Travers was dismissed, fifty runs had been added. It was the one redeeming feature in an otherwise poor innings.

According to the rule, the Presidency were forced to follow on and when stumps were drawn for the day the score was 41 runs for 2 wickets. Jamsedji, one of the opening bats, played solid cricket, and although he scored only 20 runs (not out) he kept up his wicket for an hour and twenty minutes.

There are some points worthy of mention. When Godambe took on to bowl in the morning, he proved very successful, for he captured 3 wickets on conceding 8 runs. Towards the end of the day Tate came in for some barracking, but this only served to show what a fine sportsman he is. He took the "ragging" in the right spirit and "pulled the legs" of the "leg-pullers" and in fact had the last laugh. It was a happy little incident and the members of the pressent were able to enjoy it fully. To-day holds out a difficult task for the Presidency. They are still 279 runs behind and have the whole day befor them.

Play in the fourth-match was resumed on Sunday morning when travers led out the Presidency team to field. Wyatt and Astill, the not-outs came our soon after and the latter faced Howlett who began bowling from the Bori Bunder end. Astill glanced him to leg for a brace and Wyatt obtained a single. Runs came in steadily as the result of singles, Astill playing some pretty late cuts and glances. Jamsedji was in charge of the attack from the pavilion end. Some after 330 had been hoisted, Wyatt, on smothering a bumping from Howlett, raised the ball to leg, where Kalapesi held it brilliantly a matter of inches from the ground. (337-3-138) Parsons displayed out the rest of the over.

Astill took an extra slow one from Jamsedji full on the bat and pulled it round to the leg boundary. Parsons obtained a single by gliding the fast bowler.

PARSONS PLAYS FREELY.

After a few singles Parsons hoisted 350 with a fine drive to the screens. Astill glanced the slow bowler for one, Parsons drove him for the same number, and Astill pulled him for four. The batsmen had found out Jamsedji's weakness and at every opportunity they ran out to him.

Parsons lifted the fast bowler into the country for a couple and then pulled him to leg for a single, Astill finishing up with a fine drive to the boundary past cover. Parsons was playing attractive and free cricket, and when Godambe replaced the left-hander he drove him straight for a single. Astill put the same bowler to leg for a couple Travers rang on another charge, Vajifdar coming on in place of Howlett.

WICKETS FALL CHEAPLY.

Parsons drove him for one and Astill steered him through slips to the boundary. In hitting out at the next ball, however, Vajifdar uprooted his off-stump (374-4-53) Earle began his account in sensational style by banging his first ball to the screen. When Godambe came on to bowl again. Parsons cuilaked a single, and after each had taken a run, Earle skied the ball to cover, where Rasool held it (381-5-5). The Maharaja of Patiala was next. Parsons touched the nert ball into B. Kapadia's hands and had to retire (381-6-19) Gilligan blocked the last ball of the over. The Maharaja opened his account with a single off Vajifdar and the M. C. C. skipper did the same. Gilligan drove Vajifdar to the screens but in Godame's next over he was caught out by Howlett at cover (389-7-6) Geary succeeded him at the ease and scored a single. The Maharaja played out the over and Geary scored another single at the other end. After missing with two terrific swipes, the former lifted Godambe o.. to pavilion, the ball landing a foot inside the time. Geary put Vajifdar into the gully for a single and crossed over to face Godambe. Blacking the first two balls he looked the next to the boundary and caused the fourth century to appear. With the advent of the new ball Rasool was put on to bowl from the south end, his first over conceding a single to the Maharaja. Mayor took over from the pavilion end, and after he had missed with a big hit, he lifted the ball over the line for a six. Geary played out a maiden over from Rassool and the Maharaja obtained two and three for hits to leg. Geary got a cheer when he drove, Meyer to the screen for four and at the other end the Maharaja lifted Rasool to the on-boundary for a like number. At 429 Jamsedji came on at the Gymkhana end and the Maharaja was held by Colah off the third ball which he lifted into the country, (429-8-23). Boyes took a single off the last ball and crossed over to face Howlett who came on again. He took another single but Geary touched the next ball into B. Kapadia's hands the latter making no mistake, (431-9-18) Dolphin obtained a single off a no-ball and Boyes stole the next over with a close run single. Boyes obtained two runs when he lifted Jamsedji to cover. Howlett dropping it, but in jumping out to the next ball he was stumped by Kapadia (435-10-5).

The teams adjourned for lunch at this stage.

PRESIDENCY INNINGS.

DISASTERS.

Kalapesi and Rasool came out after the interval to open the Presidency Innings, the former facing the bowling of Geary who opened from the Police Court ends. With his second ball, Geary clean bowled Kalapesi (—1—0), Jai came in to take his place and began with two twos and a four. Wyatt bowled from the pavilion end. Rasool sent up the first decade by pulling Geary to the leg boundary and then placing him to off for a single. Twenty came up on the board after fifteen minutes of play. After each bowler had bowled a maiden over. Rasool chopped Wyatt into the gully for a brace. Rasool drove him for a single and Jai followed suit. A straight one from the other bowler was nicely turned to leg by Jai while Rasool obtained a lucky four with a stroke through slips. In the same over he touched a rising one from Geary and was safely held by Dolphin, the wicket-keeper (29—2—17) Colah succeeded him. Jai scored a single off Wyatt's first ball and Colah drove the last one to the off boundary. Jai crossed over with a single to leg and Colah obtained another single in the same place. Jai, however, fell into the trap which Geary had laid for him. In turning the bowler to leg

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ONE MORE CHANCE

FORMATION OF C. P. MINISTRY

GOVT. WAITING FOR COUNCIL'S OPINION.

NAGPUR, Dec.11.

The following Press Communique has been issued to-day by the Local Government: A short session of the new Legislative Council, commencing from January 7, 1927 will be held for the purpose of electing a President and putting into operation the machinery of the Council. The opportunity will be taken to obtain the decision of the Council whether a ministry shall be formed as there is no one. Pending the election of the President who is competent to admit questions or resolutions, it will not be possible to include any questions or resolutions in the list of business.

A meeting of Responsivist and Independent M. L. C.'s will be held at Nagpur on Sunday the 19th instant.—F. P.

MADRAS COUNCIL PRESIDENTSHIP

WALK-OVER FOR CONGRESSMAN

MADRAS, Dec. 10.

"New India" believes that for the presidentship of the Legislative Council, the Congress Party would put up either Mr. C. V.S. Narasimha Raju or Mr. Swami Venkatachallam Chetti. The paper believes that in any case there would be no contest for the seat.

For the place of the Deputy President, the names of Mr. Abdul Hamid Khan, city Muslim member and Mr. Schamnad, another Muslim member are mentioned.—Free Press.

DISPUTES SETTLEMENT COMMITTEE.

NAGPUR, Dec. 11.

The enquiry committee appointed by the Working Committee of the All-India Congress Committee to settle disputes about the Congress elections of the C. P. Marathis has again decided to meet at Wardha instead of at Nagpur.—A. P.

ASSEMBLY PRESIDENTSHIP

MR. KELKAR'S DENIAL.

BOMBAY, Dec. 11.

Mr. N. C. Kelkar, M.L.A., Poona has telegraphed to the Associated Press contradicting the report which has been published that he intends standing as a candidate for the presidency of the Legislative Assembly. The report, Mr. Kelkar says, is absolutely without foundation.—A. P.

LET THERE BE NO QUARREL, WHEN INDIA IS BLEEDING."

MR. BHARUCHA ON THE PRESENT SITUATION.

BOMBAY, Dec. 10.

In a statement to the Free Press of India, Mr. B. F. Bharucha says: "Regarding the appeal of the President elect of the National Congress, may I urge him and Mrs. Sarojini Naidu to summon immediately a Round Table Conference of leaders of all parties at Calcutta, before the Congress, invite Gandhiji and arrive at a definite understanding on a common programme of work inside and outside the councils, Swadeshi, Hindu-Moslim unity, removal of untouchability, gold standard, sixteen pence ratio and other questions. Let not history say when India was bleeding, leaders were quarrelling."—Free Press.

COUNCIL NATIONALIST PARTY

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gible to be a member of the party if he or she,

(a) Accepts the Constitution of the Party and the rule made thereunder from time to time.

(b) Pays an annual subscription of Rs. 50.

3. Any question that comes up before the Council may be made a Party question at a meeting of the party by 2/3rd majority of the members present.

4. Every member of the party shall be bound to vote according to the party's decision as mentioned in the above rule.

5. No question which in the opinion of the party is a communal question shall be made a party question.

6. Every member of the party shall be free to vote as he pleases on any question on which he has received a mandate from the party on whose ticket he has secured his election.

7. Mr. Dadubhai P. Desai is appointed Provisional Secretary and he will convene a meeting of members who join this party on or before the 15th December for the purpose of electing office-bearers and to frame rules.

BOMBAY COUNCIL NATIONAL PARTY

Mr. Dadubhai P. Desai writes to say that Messrs. Pahaljani and Karki have joined the Bombay Council Nationalist Party.

APPEAL TO PARTY LEADERS.

"PRESENCE WILL BE HELPFUL"

PRESIDENT-ELECT'S INVITATION

MADRAS, Dec. 11.

The Associated Press understands Mr. S. Srinivasa Iyengar, President-elect of the Gauhati Congress which commences its session on the 20th instant, has invited leaders of all parties to be present at the Congress as he hopes that their presence will be helpful.—A. P.

INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS.

CHANGE IN ADMISSION FEE.

GAUHATI, Dec. 11.

A bulletin issued by the General Secretary, Reception Committee, Indian National Congress states that under instructions from the General Secretary, All India Congress Committee the delegation fee has been raised to Rs. 10 and the delegates accommodation fee reduced from Rs. 6 to Rs. 4. Lady visitors' admission fee has been reduced from Rs. ten to Rs. five.—A. P.

The All-India Swadeshi Exhibition organised in connection with the Congress has been divided principally into four sections: (1) Khadi, (2) Idustrial, (3) Agricultural and (4) Demonstration.

Khadi Pratisthan, Abhoy Ashram, All-India Spinners' Association and many Provincial Congress Committees are having their Khadi stalls in the Exhibition. It is learnt that most of the stalls have been already fixed up.

Information received so far goes to show that the following conferences will be held at the Congress pandal during the National Week: (1) Assamiya Sanrakshini Sabha, (2) Fourth All-India Volunteers' Conference, (3) 9th All-Indian Musical Conference, (4) 2nd All-India Political Sufferers' Conference, (5) All-India Cow Conference, (6) All-India Literary Conference, (7) All-India Hindu Mahasabha, and (8) All-India Hindu Mahasammelan.

FOOD ARRANGEMENTS.

The Reception Committee of the Gauhati Congress, in a bulletin says that it has been decided to run Hindu kitchens with Bengali, Behari, U.P., Madrasi, and Mahratti cooks. Persons, taking food in Hindu kitchens, will be charged ten annas per meal. Delegates and visitors having objection to taking food in the kitchens run by the Reception Committee, will be supplied cookshed, water, light and foodstuff, but no utensils, provided timely information is given to the Food Sub-Committee. All other arrangements are to be made by themselves.

Muslim delegates and visitors will also be supplied with food by the Reception Committee and will be charged twelve annas per meal.

Persons willing to take food in western style will be charged Rs. 7/8/0 per diem for the whole course. Provincial Congress Committees have been requested to supply the Food Sub-Committee in time, with number of delegates and visitors expected to attend from their respective provinces and as to how they will take their food.—F.P.

D SCRIMINATE OBSTRUCTION

MOTION BEFORE GAUHATI CONGRESS

RANGOON, Dec. 10.

Mr. Ranchoddas Gandhi of the Burma Provincial Congress Committee intends moving the following resolution in the All-India Congress Committee at Gauhati.

That the Congressmen elected to the various councils and the Assembly should follow the policy of discriminate obstruction and co-operation, according to the circumstances; but in no case, should accept any office in the gift of the Government till the National demands set forth by the previous Assembly meet with satisfactory response at the hands of the Government.—F. P.

KHADI EXHIBITION AT THE CONGRESS

MAHATMA TO OPEN

GAUHATI, Dec. 11.

Mr. Phookan, Chairman of the Reception Committee of the Gauhati Congress has received a telegram from Gandhiji in which the latter agreed to open the Khadi Exhibition at Gauhati on the 25th instant.—F.P.

DENSE FOG CAUSES TIE-UP.

PASSENGERS' PLIGHT IN NEW YORK

LONDON, Dec. 11.

New York.—A dense fog has caused the most serious tie-up for years. Approximately 1/,000 passengers are affected. Only four out of the twelve liners scheduled to sail ventured out, and only one out of the twelve incoming vessels docked. The "Majestic" with 2,300 on board delayed sailing for eleven hours.—Reuter's Special.

SIR AUSTEN TO ACT AS HOME SECRETARY.

LONDON, Dec. 12.

Sir Austen Chamberlain will take over the duties of Acting Home Secretary from Lord Birkenhead who is leaving for Madeira at the end of the coming week.—Reuter.

ALLIED MILITARY CONTROL

GERMAN DISARMAMENT NOT COMPLETE

NEXT MOVE TO BE CONSIDERED

LONDON, Dec. 11.

Paris.—The question of the withdrawal of Allied Military Control from Germany has not been advanced as a result of the Conference of Ambassadors' Meeting. It is learned that the allied military experts are unanimously agieed that Germany's disarmament is by no means complete and the Ambassadors decided to send a full report to the Foreign Ministers at Geneva. The experts declared that the German General Von Pawel's explanations regarding crucial points of Eastern fortifications and traffic in war material were unsatisfactory. Next move lies dith the Foreign Ministers.—Reuter.

NO AGREEMENT YET.

HITCH IN DISARMAMENT DISCUSSIONS

LONDON, Dec. 12.

Geneva.—A hitch has arisen in the German disarmament discussions, and no agreement has been reached. Mr. Briand has not received final instructions from Paris where the Cabinet is divided, and, therefore, the decisive meeting of the six Powers which was to be held to-night has been postponed till to-morrow.—Reuter.

AGREEMENT AMONG REPRESENTATIVES ?

LONDON, Dec. 11.

Geneva.—Agreement has been reached between the representatives of Britain, France, Italy, Belgium, Japan and Germany at a private meeting of the Council after discussions which lasted throughout the day, on the question of military control in Germany.—Reuter.

GERMANY'S NEW TREATY WITH ITALY

LONDON PRESS ALARMED

RUGBY, DEC. 10.

Regarding the Geneva report that Italy and Germany have drafted terms of treaty of arbitration and conciliation, which is now ready for signature, it is understood in London, that the measures comes within the framework of the Locarno agreements and is quite unexceptionable. "Times" says: The new treaty differs in one essential respect from those that Germany has already signed with Poland, Esthonia, Switzerland and other countries.—B.O.W.

LEAGUE COUNCIL.

PROHIBITION OF STEEL PRODUCTS

LONDON, Dec. 10.

Berlin.—The disarmament of fortresses in East Germany and the export of war material are outstanding points requiring the adjustment by "big five" in the discussions at Geneva. Newspapers here allege that Britain has demanded the prohibition of export of a number of unfinished steel products on the ground that they can be used for military purposes whereas Germans contend that such a prohibition will be a death blow to many factories and hint that commercial considerations are behind the British attitude.—Reuter.

TURKEY AND IRAK.

BRITAIN AND MANDATES [COMMISSION

LONDON, Dec. 10

Geneva.—During the public sitting of the League Council Sir A. Chamberlain corrected a misstatement in the Mandates Commission Report with reference to what Sir Henry Dobbs had told the Mandates Commission regarding the trade relations between Turkey and Irak adding that the matter was still the subject of negotiations between Irak and Turkey.

Sir A. Chamberlain referring to the Italian proposal to establish an international relief union for people who were overwhelmed with disaster asked that Sudan be invited to the proposed conference on the 4th of July to which *inter alia* apart from the members of the League Egypt, Hedjaz and Afghanistan had been invited.—Reuter

UMA NEHRU'S LETTER OF RESIGNATION

ALLAHABAD, Dec. 10.

Shrimati Uma Nehru has resigned the presidentship of the Allahabad Town Congress Committee. In a letter to the Secretary, she says that she understands that another town Congress Committee claims to be in existence. She thinks in this state of mutual conflict, no good work is possible.

Mrs. Nehru has also resigned her membership and Treasurership of the Provincial Congress Committee. She says in her letter of resignation, that in the present circumstances, she can be of no services.—F. P.

THE PROPHET'S TOMB.

A FALSE RUMOUR.

IBN SAUD'S CONTRADICTION

Mr. Ebrahim Abdulla Alfazal, agent of Sultan Ibn Saud writes:—

His Majesty the King of Hedjaz and Sultan of Nejd officially wired on 11th inst. from Medina reaching here to-day as follows directing all round publication. Telegram reads as follows:—

Officially I declare false what is being circulated under false pretension and evil intentions regarding Haramе Nabavi and Raoza and Qobba. No kind of change has occurred in the above even worth any utterance. We dedicate our very soul and children as sacrifice for them and nobody dares to-day as to approach them with evil intent of injury. Whatever has been said and is being said to the contrary is false propaganda bent upon creating ill-will and uncalled-for anxieties."

"AN IMAGINARY GRIEVANCE"

(From our Correspondent.)

DELHI, Dec. 9.

A meeting of the Mussalmans of Delhi was held last night at Masjid-e-Panjabian in Patak Habash Khan when Maulvi Zafar Ali Khan, editor of the "Zamindar," presided. There were about 400 persons present, mostly belonging to the Ahle-Hadis Party. The object of the meeting was to protest against the action of the Maharaja of Mahmudabad in inviting His Majesty the King-Emperor to stop Sultan Ibn Saud from carrying out his alleged design to demolish the Prophet's tomb. Maulvi Zafar Ali Khan, in the course of his lengthy speech, deprecated the efforts of the Anjuman-e-Khuddam-ul-Haramain in seeking to harm Sultan Ibn Saud through non-Muslim channels which, he declared, was nothing less than a treachery to Islam. After giving a brief survey of all that happened in the world of Islam during the last two decades he referred to the rising power of Sultan Ibn Saud in the Hedjaz in a feeling manner and exhorted the Indian Muslims to back him up in every possible manner. He then moved the following resolution which was passed unanimously:—

"This public meeting of Delhi Mussalmans strongly condemns the action of the Raja of Mahmudabad in inviting intervention of His Britannic Majesty in the Hedjaz on purely imaginary grievances that Saudian forces are threatening demolition of Holy Prophet's dome and proclaims to the world its settled conviction that the Mussalmans cannot tolerate any intervention in the Hedjaz on the part of any Non-Muslim Power on any plea whatsoever. The meeting further resolves that Mahmudabad and a few men of his way of thinking represent no one but themselves and that the Mussalmans of India do not recognize them as their spokesmen in the matter."

The above resolution will be communicated to the Private Secretary to H. E. the Viceroy, Amir Amanullah Khan, Ghazi Mustafa Kamal Pasha and Shah Riza Khan Pahlavi respectively.

After the President's speech was over Maulvi Muhammad Ismail Ghaznavi delivered a short speech giving his impressions of the Lucknow Conference and commenting upon the resolution passed. He declared that the Muslims of India would never tolerate any intervention in the Hedjaz by any non-Muslim power and that they would shed the last drop of their blood in defence of the Holy land. He then adversely criticised the policy of the Central Khilafat Committee in regard to the Hedjaz and opined that they would be inviting trouble for Islam.

The meeting terminated at about 10-30 p.m. after prayers were offered for the welfare of Islam.

ANNULMENT OF MARCONI'S MARRIAGI

PROCEEDING TO BE KEPT SECRET.

LONDON, December 10.

Rome.—At the request of interested parties Sacred Rota has decided that all proceedings in application for the annulment of Marconi's marriage shall be conducted in secrecy in order to avoid unpleasant discussion.—Reuter's Special Service.

COMMOTION IN INSEIN JAIL.

PRISONERS ON WAR PATH.

RANGOON, Dec. 11.

A good deal of excitement was caused in the Insein Jail last evening when three prisoners suddenly attacked Mr. Vatal, Manager of Boot factory, and Mr. Dhar, foreman, with knives and other weapons within the jail. Hearing a commotion the jailers and warders all turned out but found Mr. Vatal and Dhar seriously injured. Mr. Dhar succumbed to his injuries in a few minutes due to excessive bleeding before the arrival of medical aid. Mr. Vatal was immediately removed to hospital where he is still lying in a precarious condition. Several prisoners have been arrested and inquiry is proceeding.

In the Rangoon Central Jail last evening one prisoner attacked another prisoner in the jail workshop with a chisel inflicting wounds on the head and face. The latter was removed to hospital but he died there this morning.—A. P.

M. C. C. ALL OUT FOR 435.

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he was snapped up by Tate who was standing close behind him (36—3—12) Vajifdar was the next batsman in. Wyatt sent down a maiden over to Colah, and Vajifdar opened his account by hitting the other bowler to leg for a brace. Colah played out a maiden over from Wyatt while his colleague obtained a single by glancing Geary. Astill relieved Wyatt at the pavilion and immediately proved effective. In attempting to lift the first ball out of the ground he was held on the boundary line by Wyatt (39—4—3) Colah greeted Godambe with a fine drive to the pavilion for four. Godambe did not stay long for he snicked a bumping ball into the slips where he was held by Parsons (43—5—0) Meyer opened his account with a leg glance for one run. At the other end he sent Astill to the square boundary. Colah hoisted the first half-century by placing Geary to leg for a couple, but immediately after he fell into that bowler's leg trap and was caught out by the Maharaja of Patiala (50—6 11).

A FINE PARTNERSHIP.

Travers succeeded him and played out the over. Each batsman scored a single in the next over, and, Travers glanced Geary for a couple, Boyes saving the boundary in fine style. Two singles followed by a fine drive to the screens by Meyer caused 60 to appear, and then the same batsman stole the next over with a stroke for one past cover. Geary was extremely difficult to play and the batsmen treated him with respect. After he had sent down a maiden over to Meyer, Travers drove Astill to the covers for three and Meyer, with a drive for one into the country, crossed over to face Tate who came on at the Bori Bunder end. The first half was cut for a single, the skipper stealing the next over with another. An overpitched ball from Astill was dispatched to the long boundary and the next one brought in four more runs.

A series of singles was followed by a fine drive to the pavilion by Meyer and 80 appeared on the board. Travers' stole a single from Tate, and Meyer glanced him for four. A short one from Astill met with scant courtesy from Travers who after sending it to the big boundary, drove the next ball hard for a single. At this stage Earle, who was fielding near the Waudby Road boundary, came in for some good-natured barracking. Travers played Tate to leg for a brace and followed this with a drive to the screens. Meyer hoisted the first century after ninety-five minutes of batting by lifting Astill out of the ground. The rate had been good. Meyer celebrated this by driving Astill to the pavilion in the same over. Boyes took over from Astil and Meyer hoisted 110 on the board by driving him to the long boundary. Taking a single he allowed his skipper to face, but the partnership was broken when the latter was held by Gilligan at cover (113—7—32) Travers had played a splendid innings and had assisted in making a bold stand at a time when his men were going down like ninepins. Howlett took his place at the wicket but there was a fresh disaster in store for the Presidency team. After scoring a couple of runs Meyer had his wickets scattered by Tate (115—8—34) Meyer had played a forceful innings in confident style and deserved the ovation he got. With the exception, perhaps, of Travers, he was the only batsman to punish the bowling. His total included five-fours and a six. Jamsedji came out to join Howlett but the innings came to an end soon after when Howlett was stumped off Boyes bowling (115—9—0) Kapadia was unable to bat.

The Presidency had batted for an hour and fifty minutes and owing to their low total they were forced to follow on.

PRESIDENCY'S SECOND VENTURE.

A BAD START.

Following on after the tea interval Jamsedji and Rasool opened the Presidency second innings, the former facing the bowling of Geary who was entrusted with the attack from the Bori Bunder end. The left-hander glanced Geary for a brace and then snicked. An overtossed ball was square cut by the other batsman for a single. Rasool snicked Wyatt's second ball for two and smacked him to the off in the same over for a like number. Jamsedji hoisted the first decade by putting Geary to leg for two runs. This he followed with a single and Rasool played out the over. At the other end he took another single and then Geary sent down a maiden over. In Wyatt's next over Rasool met a hot one but was unable to keep it out of his wickets (12—1—6).

JAI DISMISSED CHEAP.

Jai replaced him at the crease. Jamsedij was playing very patiently and was content to keep up his wicket. Two maiden overs were sent down, and then the left-hander broke the spell by placing Geary to leg for a single. Four runs were obtained as the result of a bye and Jai scored a single with a leg glance. Jai played out a maiden over from Wyatt and Jamsedji faced one from Geary. Wyatt sent down yet another maiden over to Jai. After Jamsedji had hooked Geary for a single the latter bowled Jai who attempted to glide a fast straight one. (19—2—1). Colah succeeded him at the wicket.

JAMSEDJI STANDS FAST.

Boyes had come on at the pavilion end, and Jamsedji hoisted the second decade, after 50 minutes of play, by hitting him to leg. Colah drove Geary to long on for a brace and Jamsedji played out a maiden over from Boyes. Gilligan put Astill on to bowl in place of Geary, the over resulting in a maiden. Jamsedji opened his shoulders to Boyes and drove him for two runs, Wyatt saving the boundary splendidly. He followed this with a stroke to leg which brought him three runs. He next snicked Astill for a single and Tate got a clear when he fielded and returned smartly. Colah hoisted 30 by driving Astill for a single and the left-hander scored another single. Colah crossed over to face Gilligan who came on to bowl for the first time in Bombay, in place of Boyes. His first over resulted in a maiden. At the other end Tate came on to bowl and conceded a brace and a single to the left-hander. Jamsedji glanced Gilligan to leg for two runs, the rest of the over being unproductive. Colah drove Tate to the long-off boundary and caused 40 to appear. This was the last over and stumps were drawn for the day with the score standing at 41 for 2 wickets. Jamsedji had played splendidly and had kept up his wicket for an hour and twenty minutes.

M. C. C.	
R. E. S. Wyatt, c Kalapesi, b Howlett	138
A. Sandham, c B. Kapadia, b Howlett	124
M. Tate, a Jamsedji, b Meyer	23
W. E. Astill, b Vajifdar	53
J. H. Parsons, c Kalapesi, b Howlett	19
G. F. Earle, c Rasool, b Godambe	5
H. H. the Maharaja of Patiala, c Colah, b Jamsedji	23
A. E. Gilligan, c Howlett, b Godambe	6
G. Geory, c B. Kapadia, b Howlett	18
G. S. Boyes, st. B. Kapadia, b Jamsedji	5
A. Dolphin, not out	1
Extras	20
Total	435

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
R. Meyers	27	6	66	1
B. Howlett	29	4	117	3
B. Kalapesi	10	2	34	0
R. Jamsedji	34.3	6	104	2
S. B. Godambe	22	5	43	3
H. Vajifdar	15	3	40	1
S. J. Rasool	7	2	11	0

BOMBAY PRESIDENCY.

B. K. Kalapesi, b Geary	0
S. C. Rasool, c Dolphim, b Geary	17
L. P. Jai, c Tate, b Geary	12
S. H. Colah, c Maharaja of Patiala, b Geary	11
H. J. Vajifdar, c Wyatt, b Astill	3
S. R. Godambe, c Parsons, b Geary	0
R. J. O. Meyer, b Tate	34
F. G. Travers c Gilligan b Boyes	32
B. Howlett, St. Dolphim, b Boyes	0
R. J. Jamsedji not out	0
B. Kapadia, did not bat	0
Extras	6
Total	115

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Geary	11	2	28	5
Wyatt	6	2	15	0
Astill	9	0	49	1
Tate	6	1	12	1
Boyes	14	0	5	2

BOMBAY PRESIDENCY.—2nd Innings.

R. J. Jamsedji, not out	20
S. G. Rasool, b Wyatt	6
L. P. Jai, b Geary	1
S. H. Colah, not out	9
Extras	5
Total (for 2 wkts.)	41

M. C. C. AVERAGES.

The following are the complete averages of the M. C. C., including the match against the Combined Hindu-Moslem XI at Bombay:—

BATTING.

Names.	Innings	Runs	Not Out	Highest Score	Average.
A. Sandham	14	952	1	150	73.23
J. H. Parsons	15	603	2	139	46.38
M. W. Tate	17	762	0	133	44.82
R. E. S. Wyatt	18	610	3	130	43.57
J. Mercer	4	42	3	31	42.00
G. F. Earle	16	573	1	130	38.25
P. T. Eckersley	16	486	3	65	37.38
G. S. Boyes	13	275	5	45	34.37
G. Geary	11	234	3	52	29.25
A. E. R. Gilligan	12	326	0	73	25.50
M. L. Hill	6	82	2	25	20.50
W. E. Astill	10	174	1	30	19.33
G. Brown	10	176	0	84	17.06
R. C. Chichester Constable	9	122	1	47	15.25

BOWLING ANALYSIS:

	O.	M	R.	W	Ave.
G. Geary	282.4	82	616	47	12.19
M. W. Tate	321.3	107	744	54	13.77
G. S. Boyes	206.4	69	445	27	16.48
R. E. S. Wyatt	187.4	85	435	24	18.12
A. E. R. Gilligan	59	18	148	7	21.20
W. E. Astill	204.2	53	601	28	21.46
J. Mercer	57.4	12	189	8	23.62
P. T. Eckersley	21.4	1	109	4	27.25
J. H. Parsons	13	2	27	0	
G. Brown	11	0	47	0	
A. Sandham	8	0	56	0	
R. C. Chichester Constable	25	5	91	0	
G. F. Earle	33	4	30	0	

PUNDIT MOTILAL IN CALCUTTA.

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T. C. Goswami, where he is staying.

Panditji leaves for Gauhati to-morrow by steamer.—Free Press.

38 SWARAJISTS IN ASSEMBLY

MR. RANGA IYER RETURNED.

DELHI, Dec. 10.

Four more Swarajists have been elected to the Legislative Assembly bringing their total strength to date to 38. They are Mr. C. S. Ranga Iyer from Rohilkhand and Kumaon, Mr. Narayan Prasad Singh for the Tirhut division, Babu Ganganand Sinha for

RACING IN BOMBAY.

OPENING MEETING PROVIDES ENTERTAINING SPORT.

BIG PRIZE FOR MRS. WADIA

The prospect of a good afternoon's sport drew a fair crowd at Mahaluxmi yesterday, when the First Winter Meeting opened the Flat Racing Season. Racing was of moderate order and as only three favourites scored the sport, was hardly profitable from the punters point of view.

A pleasing success was that of Ulster Ally in the affair of most moment. Owned by Mrs. Wadia, one of the few lady patrons of racing on this side, the son of Ulster King made amends for several failures in Poona

Considered one of the best, newly landed imported in recent years Rubdan, made a successful debut on winning Division III of the Baghdad Plate in storming fashion from several useful performers.

Major Molony pulled off a profitable double with Bucanet and Ulster Ally, F. Black being the successful pilot in both cases. Brace, Burn, Barnett, McQuade, C Hoyt, Clarke and Khalil also steered a winner apiece. Proceedings opened with the race for Division I of the Baghdad Plate for which nineteen starters went to the post. Mutashar, a new importation of Messrs. Heath and Bird found most favour. A handsome, well balanced chestnut he was not as well away as some the others and when Clarke found an opening it was too late to trouble Azedin and Solomon's Song who fought an interesting finish for first honours. Azedin, a Speedy Grey, owned by Mr. Ahmed Dhalah and trained by Yussuf, won for us in Poona and is bound to be troubling the judge again. Mukden ran well up to a point and should be kept in mind for a future occasion.

Favourite was never pressed for effort to win Division II where he had his seventeen rivals well beaten. One Pie, vigorously ridden by Khalil, looked a winner until Barnett gave Favourite his head and the rest was plainsailing. Haboob was always prominent and should do better next time out. Hopeful failed to justify his favourit-ism, giving up the struggle a couple of hundred yards from home. The new comer Hamond impressed and is one to make a note of.

The race for Division III was interesting because of the presence of Rudban—a newly landed owned by Mr. Ghaziala. A chestnut of nice size and power, he has come to these shores with a big reputation and reports of his excellent track gallops induced punteers to accept ridiculously short odds about him. In the race itself he made no mistake running on a tight run from British India. Selman accounted for the others and would have been better suited by a distance of ground. Pekin disappointed though he finished among the first half dozen past the judge.

Cumberally saddled a winner when Kumeruzzaman accounted for the opposition in Division II of the Tulsi Plate and the pleasing part of it was that he was a popular favourite, Red Flag being the only other of the eleven runners to find a ready backing. Mr. Mark's four-year old has now found his best form and is bound to figure prominently again. Najian showed a fine burst of finishing speed but could make no impression on the winner, whom Hoyt rode with great confidence. Red Flag made a slow beginning and his fourth a length behind Arab Prince was a creditable effort under the circumstances.

The Cooperage Handicap was characterised by an exciting finish which saw Mayiah just outstay Zulu, the verdict at end being a neck. Amanra and Hawan made a lo of the pace, but fell away once heads were turned for home. Clarke was always handy on Mayiah and rode a nicely judged race, making his bid from the distance. Tiger King was a firm order in the market, but failed to get away to a good start and could never make up ground fast enough to trouble those in front. Kawkab refused to take off with the others. He has made it a practice of getting left.

Punters were on the right thing when they chose Bridault as the best of the ten runners in the Redcar Plate. Black kept him behind the leaders and made his race from the second enclosure. The Typhoon ran well and Prose and Verse with a strong run near home displaced the heavily weighted Nougat for the remaining place.

Considerable interest centred round the Mentmore Handicap which attracted a number of useful customere. Wagering was never brisk and the maiket call was most favourite for Torose—a good winner in Poona. Quitch, Heron, Joe's Luck and Ulster Ally were at longer odds. Torose went out of it a furlong from home, where Ulster Ally commanded Joe's Luck and the rest of the opposition. Clarke could only get Heron to race in the final stretch when the grey gelding ran past a number of horse to secure a placing.

There were two better than the favourite in the Juvenile Handicap. Gift O' The Glen, backed down to "twos," could only get home third behind Moss and Proud Chieftain, this paid fighting a race duel for the last hundred yards or so, Moss pulled the little extra in the end and was well worth his neck victory. Roseate Air found the weight he was asked to shoulder beyond him and he made matters worse by effecting a tardy beginning.

A spectacular finish for Division II of the Tulsi Plate brought the meeting to a close. Andhra Valley only just got the better of Hilaluzzaman and owed his success to the fine handling of Burn. Othello was well in the fighting line until a few yards from home when he appeared to be crowded out by Andhra Valley and Hilaluzzaman closing in. Sinnan made his customary late run and succeeded in taking a minor placing.

THE BAGHDAD PLATE. Div. I.—Distance 6 furlongs.

Winner Rs. 1,500, second Rs. 500, third Rs. 250. Terms for Arabs in Class III.

Mr. Ahmed Shelah's AZEDIN, 8-10, Khalil 1
Mr. A. E. Moloobhoy's SOLOMON'S SONG, 8-10, Barnett 2
Messrs. Heath and W. Bird's MUTASHAR, 8-7, Clarke 3
Mr. S. B. Contractor's FEROZESHAH, 8-10, C. Hill 4

Won by ½ length, 4 lengths, 1½ lengths.
Trainer:—Yussuff.
Time:—1 min. 22-2/5 secs.
Favourite:—Mutashar.

First tote paid Rs. 78/8 for win, and Rs. 1/8, Rs. 18 and Rs. 13 for places.

Second tote paid Rs. 43 for win and Rs. 9, Rs. 9 and Rs. 7 for places.

Also ran:—Mijbas 8-13, Rao Saheb 8-6, Ghazuwan 8-7, My Moon 8-6, Cash 8-6, Hawas 8-6, Strange Spring 8-6, Shylock 8-6, Glad Eye 8-6, Mijlat 8-6, Dhirdha'a 8-3, Ghali 8-3, Shadhan 8, Mukden, late Fido 7-13.

Not run:—Arabian Sun 8-10, Cicero 8-6, Riyala 8-6, Monsoon 8-6.

The Race:—Ferozeshah gave trouble and delayed the start. He eventually left the barrier slowly. Solomon's Song was the quickest away and cut a fast pace from Cash (on the outside), Mijbas, Glad Eye, Azedin and Mukden. Rounding the turn the order was Solomon's Song, Mukden and Cash. Mukden looked a winner but weakened up the straight. Azedin came through and won comfortably from Solomon's Song. Mustashar and Ferozeshah made a late effort and finished third and fourth respectively.

THE BAGHDAD PLATE. Div. II.—Distance 6 furlongs.

Winner Rs. 1,500, second Rs. 500, third Rs. 250. Terms for Arabs in Class III.

Mr. S. H. Mashal's FAVOURITE, 8-6, Barnett 1
Mr. M M Talib's ONE PIE, 8-6, Khalil 2
Mr. Khadavi A. Rehman's HABOOB, 7-13, C. Hill 3
Messrs. Heath and W. Bird's HARRY JOHNSON, 8-6, Clarke 4

Won by:—3 lengths, 1/2 length, head.
Trainer:—Yacoob Swedani.
Time:—1 min. 22-4/5 secs.
Favourite:—Hopeful.

First tote paid Rs. 42/8 for win and Rs. 20/8, Rs. 191/8 and Rs. 241 for places.

Second tote paid Rs. 22/8 for win and Rs. 10, Rs. 68/8 and Rs. 95 for places.

Also ran:—Tamaran 8-13, Dana 8-9, Fatha 8-9, Hopeful 8-9, Ghurfa 8-7, Hamond 8-3, Shiva Kumar 8, Malta 8, Wazir 7-13, Tientsin, late Joyful, 7-13, Miracle 7-13, Aasuf 7-13, Timmim 7-13, Five Fifty 7-9.

Not run:—Swift 8-6, Anwar 8-6, Favie 8-6, Hawad 7-3.

The Race:—A fair start and on settling down Hamond showed the way to Haboob, Aasuf, Hopeful, One Pie and Ghurfa. Miracle and Tienstin were left. Hamond retired near the turn and here One Pie drew out. Up the straight Favourite challenged and going well scored easily by 3 lengths.

THE BAGHDAD PLATE. Div. III.—Distance 6 furlongs.

Winner Rs. 1,500, second Rs. 500, third Rs. 250. Terms for Arabs in Class III.

Mr. Elias H. Ghazala's RUBDAN, 8-11, McQuade 1
Mr. A. S. Moloobhoy's BRITISH INDIA, 9-2, Barnett 2
Mr. Certainty's SELMAN, 8-13, Behsman. 3
Mr. M. Najmuddin's SABIQ, 9-4, Easton 4

Won by:—2 lengths, 2 lengths 1½ lengths.
Trainer:—Rashid Swedani.
Time:—1 min. 21-2/5 secs.
Favourite:—Rubdan.

First tote paid Rs. 21/8, for win and Rs. 14/8, Rs. 33 and Rs. 16 for places.

Second tote paid Rs. 10/8 for win and Rs. 7, Rs. 10/8 and Rs. 8 for places.

Also ran:—Aga 9-8, Shivaji Prasad 9-4, Kumar 8, Variety 8-13, Pekin 8-13, Canton 8-6, Rose Royal 8-13, Sir Jahan 8-13, Sicab 8-10, Rokis 8-10, Elser 8-9, Hadban 8-6, Francis II 8-6.

Not run:—Ferdinand 9-8, Ascot 8-9, Gold Bell 8-6, Knight Errant 7-13.

The Race:—Variety was badly left. Francis II made the running from British India, Rubdan, Rose Royal, Selman and Pekin. The leader retired as they swung into the straight where Rubdan forged ahead to win hard held by 2 lengths. Same. Sabiq was a late fourth 1 1/2 lengths away.

THE TULSI PLATE. Div. II.—Distance 6 furlongs.

Winner Rs. 2,250, second Rs. 750, third Rs. 350. A handicap for Arabs in Class II.

Mr. Mark's KUMMERUZZAMAN, 8-10, C. Hoyt. 1
Mr. D. S. Barve's NAJIAN, 7-11, C. Hill. 2
Mr. Syed Mustapha's ARAB PRINCE, 8-9, Howell 3
Mr. M. Dhalla's RED FLAG, 712, Behsman 4

Won by:—1 length, 2 lengths and 1 length.
Trainer:—Cumberally.
Time:—1 min. 21-1/5 secs.
Favourite:—Kummeruzzaman.

First tote paid Rs. 32 for win and Rs. 16/8, Rs. 34, and Rs. 26/8 for places.

Second tote paid Rs. 15 for win and Rs. 17, Rs. 16/8, Rs. 13/8 for places.

Also ran:—Trade Mark 9, Shahir 8-8, Red Prince 8-7, Hamiar 8-4, Karikata 8-1, Sawi 7-8, Moosaad 7-6.

All ran.

The Race:—As soon as the barrier ascended Karikata dashed to the front and showed the way to Moosad, Shahir, Arab Prince, Kummeruzzaman and Najiam. Nering "four" the order was Karikata, Moosad, Red Flag and Arab Prince. Entering the straight Kummeruzzaman drew out and easily held off a challenge from Najian. Won by 1 length, 2 lengths, 1 length.

THE REDCAR PLATE.—Distance 6 furlongs.

Winner Rs. 3,000, second Rs. 1,000, third Rs. 500. A handicap for Horses in Classes III and IV.

Capt. J. Crawford's BRIDAULT, 8, F. Black. 1
Mr. Eve's THE TYPHOON, 8-9, G. W. Brace 2
Mr. J. A. Wadia's PROSE AND VERSE, 8-2, Behsman 3
Messrs. G. F. D. Langley and Shantidas Askuran's NOUGAT, 9-4, Burn 4

Won by 1 length, 1 length, 1 length.

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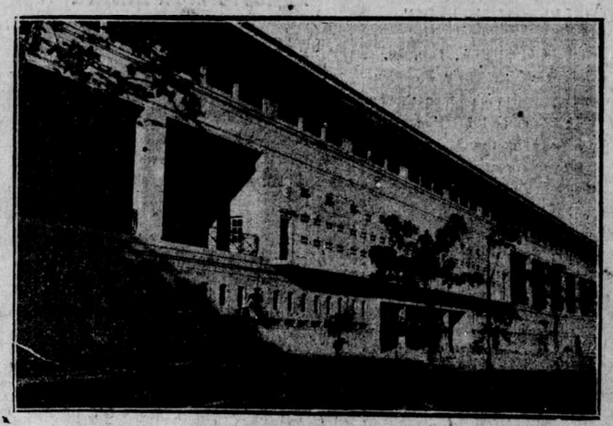

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Trainer:—A. W. Molony.
Time:—1 min. 14-1/5 secs.
Favourite:—Bridault.

First tote paid Rs. 24/8 for win, and Rs. 15, Rs. 25 and Rs. 22/8 for places.

Second tote paid Rs. 15/8 for win and Rs. 8/8, Rs. 16 and Rs. 16/8 for places.

Also ran:—Arrowy 9-4, Tradition 8-13, Jovial 8-9, Hill and Dale 8-5, Puppet 8-1, Crushed Glass 8.

Not run:—Ethelwald 7.

The Race:—Nougat was the last to leave the gate. Arrowy set the pace to Crushed Glass, The Typhoon, Puppet and Bridault. Prose and Verse brought up the others while Hill and Dale tailed off the field. The Typhoon headed the field into straight and looked a winner until collared by Bridault who won comfortably by 1 length. Same, second and third, same third and fourth.

THE COOPERAGE HANDICAP.—Distance 1 mile.

Winner Rs. 4,500, second Rs. 1,500, third Rs. 750. A handicap for Arabs in Classes I and II.

Mr. Heath's MAYIAH, 8-2, Clark..... 1
Mr. D. S. Barve's ZULU, 8-13, Barnett ... 2
Mr. Eve's MOZAN, 8-10, C Hoyt 3
Mr. Dawood Isak's CARDIFF, 8-5, Howell 4

Won by A neck, 1/2 length, and 1 length.
Trainer:—Privately.
Time:—1 min. 51 secs.
Favourite:—Tiger King.

First tote paid Rs. 134 for win and Rs. 63, Rs. 60 and Rs. 52 for places.

Second tote paid Rs. 46 for win and Rs. 26/8, Rs. 33 and Rs. 24 for places.

Also ran:—Khundil 9-7, Adwan 9-4, Kadir Hajaz 7-12, Rarity 8-6, Kowkab 8-6, Tiger King 8-5, Hawam 8-5, Sanatogen 7-9, Detective 6-10, Amanra 6-8.

All ran.

The Race:—Kowkab stood off and took no part in the race. Amanra flashed out for a space. When they settled down Hawam made play from Amanra, Detective, Zulu, Sanatogen, Cardiff and Mayiah. Nearing "five" the order was Hawam, Amanra, Cardiff, Zulu and Sanatogen with Tiger King last. Mayiah and Zulu drew out in straight and fought out an exciting finish the vedict going to the former by a neck. Mozan was a close third 1/2 length away. 1 length third and fouth.

THE MENTMORE HANDICAP.—Distance 7 furlongs.

Winner Rs. 10,000; second Rs. 3,000, third Rs. 2,000. A handicap for horses in Classes I and II.

Mrs. C. N. Wadia's ULSTER ALLY, 7-12, F. Black 1
H. H. Maharaja of Kolhapur's JOE'S LUCK, 8-1, Herbert 2
Mr. Kelso's HERON, 8-9, Clarke 3
Mrs. J. Reynold's BRIDGMAN, 7-10, C. Hoyt 4

Won by:—1/2 length, 3/4 length, 1-1/2 lengths.
Trainer:—Major A. W. Molony.
Time:—1 min. 26-2/5 secs.
Favourite:—Torose.

First tote paid Rs. 74/8 for win and Rs. 21, Rs. 25/8 and Rs. 32 for places.

Second tote paid Rs. 22 for win and Rs. 8/8, Rs. 11 and Rs. 13 for places.

Also ran:—Bell Metal 9-7, Portsoy 7-13, Starboard 7-10, Heera Mahal 7-4, Quitch 7-4, Torose 7-3, Precious Lass 6-10.

All ran.

The Race:—A good start saw Precious Lass, Quitch and Torose racing abreast, the next in order being Joe's Luck, Ulster Ally and Heron. This order was maintained till they swung into the straight where Ulster Ally moved ahead and cleverly stalled off a late challenge from Joe's Luck. Heron finished strong. Won by 1/2 length, 3/4 length. 1-1/2 lengths.

THE JUVENILE HANDICAP.—Distance 5 furlongs.

Winner Rs. 3,000, second Rs. 1,000, third Rs. 500.

A handicap for horses 3 and 4 years old only.

Mr. Ardeshir Curzetji's MOSS, 9-4, G. W. Brace 1
Mr. R. H. Gahagan's PROUD CHIEFTAIN, 8-6, Easton 2
H. H. Maharaja of Rajpipla's GIFT O' THE GLEN, 8-10, Townsend 3
Mr. V. Rosenthal's ROSEATE AIR, 9-10, Bowley 4

Won by:—A neck, 1 yength, 1-1/2 lengths.
Trainer:—J. K. Irani.
Time:—1 min. 1-1/5 secs.
Favourite:—Gift O' the Glen.

First tote paid Rs. 123/8 for win and Rs. 28, Rs. 22 and Rs. 15/8 for places.

Second tote paid Rs. 57/8 for win and Rs. 16, Rs. 15 and 19 for places.

Also ran:—Seafire 9-0, Golden Charm 7-3, The Fliver 8-13, Knight's Cross 8-0, Ballynether 7-12, Ethelwald 6-10.

All ran.

The Race:—A bad start. Golden Charm led from Proud Chieftain, The Fliver, Seafire and Gift O' The Glen. Roseate Air was last but one. Golden Charm brought them round but at the head of the straight made way for Proud Chieftain who appeared a winner until collared by Moss. A fine race resulted in Moss winning by a neck. 1 length second and third, 1-1/2 lengths third and fouth.

THE TULSI PLATE. Div. I.—Distance 6 furlongs.

Winner Rs. 2,250, second Rs. 750, third Rs. 350. A Handicap for Arabs in Class II.

Mr. F. A. Banaji's ANDHRA VALLEY, 8-6, Burn. 1
Mr. M. H. Mahomed's HILAUZZAMAN, 8-10, C. Hoyt. 2
Mr. A. M. Shaffi's SINNAN, 8-6, Howell 3
Mr. M. M. Kava's OTHELLO, 8-9, McQuade 4

Won by:—Head, neck, 1/2 length.
Trainer:—S. Mahalla.
Time:—1 min. 31-1/5 secs.
Favourite:—Hilaluzzaman.

First tote paid Rs. 194/8 for win and Rs. 53, Rs. 17 and Rs. 38 for places.

Also ran:—Hatchel 9-7, Costa Rica 9-3, Weldon 8-8, Commander 8-0, Farooq 7-10, Noorulmulk 7-9, Maxim 7-9, Shums 7-8, Dawood 7-6.

Not run:—Ibrahim Beg 7-13.

The Race:—Weldon assumed commond at the barrier rise and was pursued by Costa Rica, Hilaluzzaman, Andra Valley and Othello. The leaders dropped out at the turn and here Andhra Valley and Hilaluzzaman drew out chased by Othello. A fine race ensued Andhra Valley just getting home ahead in front. Sinnan finished third with a late rush on the rails a neck behind. 1/2 length third and fourth.

CALCUTTA RACES.

CALCUTTA, December 11.

THEATRE PLATE (Div. I.)—Distance 1 mile.

Mr. W. M. Craddock's WILD VIXEN 8st. 8lbs. Northmore 1
Mr. R. B. Wilson's PAULINE'S PRIDE 8st. 10lbs. Marland 2
Capt. Mamock's and Will's KILGURVAN 8st. 13lbs., A. C. Walker 3
Mr. T. G. Ever's HAKGALLA 8st. 3lbs. Ringstead 4

Also Ran:—Haon River 9st., Black Hall 8st. 12lbs.; Sophie II. 8st. 12lbs.; Dipthong 8st. 12lbs.; Man Hing 8st. 11lbs.; Johnnie Crapaud 8st. 11lbs.; Great Promise 8st. 6lbs.; West Croft 8st. 4lbs.; Bluster 8st. 2lbs.; Pharpar 8st. 1lb.

The winner was trained by Capt. Beedham.
The Race.—Won by a neck and a head.
Time:—1 minute, 41 3|5 seconds.
Totalisator paid R24 for win, and R14, R17 1|2 and R18 for places.

Betting.—3 to 2 against Wild Vixen, evens Sophie, 11 to 8 Pauline's Pride, Man Hing and Kilgurvan, 12 Hakgalla and Wet Croft, longer odds for the others.

THEATRE PLATE (Div. IV.)—Distance 1 mile.

Mr. R. A. Hughes' BLACK ACRE 8st. 11b. H. Walker 1
Messrs. Pogose and Chorara's LITTLE GEM ROSE 8st. 3lbs. Reynolds 2
Mr. N. N. Roy's CRIMSON SUN 8st. 12lbs. Edwards 3
Messrs. Burn and Holme's JOHNSON'S ROYALIST 9st. Rosen 4

Also Ran.—Plonk 9st.; Strange Likeness 8st. 7lbs.; Devil's Bridge 7st. 8lbs.

The winner was trained by Dr. Gifford.
The Race:—Won by 2 1|2, 2 1 1|4.
Time.—1 minute, 43 4|5 seconds.
Totalisator paid R21 for win, R15 and R18 for places.

Betting.—3 to 2 on Black Acre, 4 Little Gem Rose and Devil's Bridge, 6 the others.

WELLESLEY PLATE.—Distance 1 1|4 miles.

Mr. J. Robinson's QUINCY 9st. 8lbs. A. C. Walker 1
Mr. Pannick's KEEP IT DARK 8st. 7lbs., L. Brown 2
Mr. Eve's RED HAWK 9st. 6lbs. Ritchie 3
Mr. C. N. Wadia's CAP-A-PIE 9st. 7lbs. Hutchins 4

The winner was trained by Robinson.
The Race.—Won by 1|2 length, a neck and a head.
Also Ran.—Gaurishanker 9st. 7lbs.; Audlem 9st. 7lbs.; Aborigine 8st. 7lbs. Sajjan 8st. 3lbs.
Time.—2 minutes, 9 4|5 seconds.
Totalisator paid R21 1|2 for win, and R13, R17, and R27 1|2 for places.

Betting.—3 to 2 against Quincy, 4 Cap-a-Pie, 5 Keep it Dark, 6 Sajjan, 7 Gaurishanker, 8 Red Hawk, 12 Aborigine, and Audlem.

BENTINCK PLATE. (Div. I.)—Distance 1 mile.

Mr. J. C. Galstaun's DARK ORIENT 9st. 5lbs. Dobie 1
Mr. J. Mein Austin's MEDICINE OWL 8st. 12lbs. Parker 2
Mr. Eve's FREE AND EASY 8st. 6lbs. Collins 3
Capt. C. B. Fero's SHADYLIKE 8st. 10lbs. Edwards 4

Also Ran.—Motu Proprio 9st. 11b.; Brilliant Lady 8st. 13lbs. Snowdrift 8st. 11lbs.; Radha Piari 8st. 11lbs.; White Ornament 8st. 10lbs.; Killua 8st. 3lbs.; Kirndance 7st. 7lbs.

The winner was trained by Higgins.
The Race.—Won by 3|4 length, 1 1|2 length.
Time.—2 minutes, 21 4|5 seconds.
Totalisator paid R35 for win, and R17 1|2, R24 1|2, and R36 for places.

Betting.—5 to 4 on Dark Orient, 3 Snowdrift, 6 Medicine Owl, Shady Lake, Radha Piari, 10 Free and Easy, and Brilliant Lady 20 the others.

BENTINCK PLATE (Div. II.)—Distance 1 mile, 3 furlongs.

Mr. C. N. Doeutil's REOD CONNOR'S 7st. 9lbs. Dobie 1
Messrs. Edmondson and Meyer's MANDARIN 8st. 3lbs. Hutchins 2
Lieut.-Colonel Borawar Singh's and Mr. Harison's HEAT WAVE 7st. 10lbs. A. T. Harsie 3
Mr. T. M. Thaddeus' UNITOI 9st. 5lbs. Archibald 5

Also Ran.—Crab Apple 9st. 5lbs.; Glenvale 8st. 11lbs.; Aspasia 8st. 9lbs. Dynamo 8st. 9lbs.; Simon's Mount 8st. 4lbs.; Green Park 8st. 2lbs.; Tresor 8st. 1lb.; Anzio 8st. 1lb.

The winner was trained by Higgins.
The Race—Won by 1 length, a head and 1 1|4.
Time.—2 minutes, 22 2|5 seconds.
Totalisator paid R49 1|2 for win, and R21, R53 1|2 and R75 1|2 for places.
Betting.—4 Red Connors, Green Park and Asphasia, 5 Heat Wave, Mandarin and Unitoi 10 and 15 the others.

Simon's Mount ran wild for a space, and the latter moved up about 2 furlongs behind the others.

CORNWALLIS' PLATE.—Distance 6 furlongs.

Mr. Pannick's CHEVIOT 8st. 5lbs. L. Brown 1
Mr. J. C. Galstaun's GOLDEN QUEST 7st. 12lbs. Dobie 2
Mr. J. Robinson's FRATER 8st. 11lbs. A. C. Walker 3
Mr. P. B. Avasia's WEDDING DAY 7st. 11lbs. Northmore 4

Also Ran.—Affable 9st. 12lbs.; Madame Seguin 9st. 7lbs.; Eddy 9st.; Harvest Star 8st. 5lbs.; Scot 7st. 13lbs.; Lady Theo 7st. 7lbs.; Ad Dominum 7st. 3lbs.; Lucky Lad 7st.

The winner was trained by A. Beedham.
The Race.—Won by a neck, 1 1|2 length, head.
Time.—1 minute, 12 2|5 seconds.
Totalisator paid R38 1|2 for win, and R13, R12 and R17 for places.

Betting.—Evens Golden Quest, 2 Cheviot, 8 Ad Dominum, 10 Wedding Day, Frater Lady Theo Eddy, 15 and 20 the others.

THEATRE PLATE (Div. II.).—Distance 1 mile.

Mr. Pannick's FRENCH BEAU 8st. 9lbs. L. Brown 1
Messrs. Edmondson and Woodhouse's ADIJE 9st. A. C. Walker 2
Mr. C. J. H. Bolton's RICH PAIRE 7st. 8lbs. Thompson 3
The Zemindar of Nazergunge's CHOKELET 8st. 10lbs., Edwards 4

Also Ran.—Hill Star 8st. 10lbs.; Elusive 8st. 7lbs.; Knockbracken 8st. 6lbs.; Queen's Dream 8st. 6lbs.; House of Keys 8st. 11b.; Be Careful 8st.; Maytoi 7st. 13lbs.; Passenham 7st. 13lbs.; Young Paddy 7st. 11lbs.; Golden Prospect 7st. 5lbs.; Honolulu 7st. 4lbs.

The winner was trained by A. Beedham.
The Race.—Won by 1 length, 2 1|2 head.
Time.—1 minute, 42 3 5 seconds.
Totalisator R17 1|2 for win, and R14, R23 and R194 1|2 for places.

Betting.—5 to 4 on Frenevh Been, 6 Adle and Be Careful, 10 Chokelet, Knockbracken, Maytoi, Golden Prospect and Honolulu, 20 Rich Paire and the others.

THEATRE PLATE (Div. III.)—Distance 1 mile.

Bumindar, Zemindar of Nazegunge's DESPERADO 7st. 13lbs. Edwards 1
Mr. G. P. Mackenzie's HARLICAN 8st. 9lbs. Riley 2
Messrs. Gilford's and McGee's CYMI 8st. 4lbs. Hutchins 3
Mr. W. Leslie's FLYING FUN 9st. Ritchie 4

Also Ran.—Blacktoi 8st. 8lbs.; Baloon Hill 8st. 4lbs.; Dome Rock 8st. 4lbs.; Foochow 8st. 2lbs.; Prosperous 7st. 13lbs.; Happy Land 7st. 9lbs.

The winner was trained by Capt. Feror.
The Race.—Won by 3 1|2, mts. 3|4, 1 1|4.
Time.—1 minute, 42 4|5 seconds.
Totalisator paid R38|12 for win, and R15, R26, and R33 1|2 for places.

Betting.—Evens Flying Fun, Desperado 6, Happy Land 8, Harlicen 12, Ajmri 20 and 40 the others.—A. P.

MADRAS RACES

SECOND DAY'S RESULTS

MADRAS, Dec. 11.

The second day of the first extra meeting attracted moderate crowd to Guindy this afternoon and provided some exciting sport. It was terribly bad for backers, their calculations being upset in every race, in as far as the winners were concerned. The 3 year old "Filly" effected a big surprise in the GRIFFIN PLATE, and PRIMER HOT, the favourite of the day, which was backed to Evens, figured a poor third in running.

The Maharajah of Kalhapur's representative, another warm favourite shared a similar fate. On the whole, book-makers should have scored heavily. The weather was oppressively hot in the beginning but improved later on. Their Royal Highness the Crown Prince of Sweden, His Excellency the Governor and party from Government House were among the distinguished visitors.

BAGHDAD PLATE—Distance 5 furlongs.

Winner Rs. 1000, second Rs. 300, third Rs. 200.

For Arab ponies, 14|0, and under.

Essajee's KOOLEB 7st. 12lbs. Bullock 1
Hoyt's BAKTAVAR 8st. 7lbs. M. Doyt 2
Maharaja of Mysore's SCIMITAR 8st. 10lbs. Black 3
Maharaja of Kolhapur's D. GEORGE 8st. 8lbs. Mepherson 4

Also Ran: Shahabad 7st. 11lbs. Syivanmore 7st. 11lbs. Mountain King 7st. 5lbs. Fayez 6st. 11lbs.

Won by 1|2 1-1|4 1|2 lenths.
Time: 1 min. 10-1|5 secs.

Totalisator paid Rs. 7|4, for win, Rs. 19, 17 and Rs. 18 for places.

Betting: 2 D George, 3 Baktavar, 4 Scimitar, 7 Kooleb, 10 the rest.

NEW MARKET PLATE—Distance 6 furlongs.

Winner Rs. 1,200, second Rs. 300, third Rs. 200.

Handicap for horses in class four.

Yuvaraja Mysores' BRANDONIA 9st. Mepherson 1
Ruizs' GLENHELICON 8st. 11lbs. Harrison 2
Hajee Sir Ismail Sait's ARDFERN 8st. 4lbs. Babajan 3
Ser Wilson's JOANALEEN 7st. 11b. Robertson 4

Also Ran: Cylvern 9st. 3lbs. Land Lady 9st. Bacchante 8st. 11lbs. Cronan 8st. 8lbs. Sunny Lady 8st. 7lbs. Righteous 7st 12lbs. Mademoiselle Vite 7st. Car 7st. 1lb.

Won by 2 1-3|4 4-1|2 lengths.
Time: 1 min. 16-4|5 secs.

Totalisator paid Rs. 7-7 for win, and Rs. 26, 36, and Rs. 73 for places.

Bettings: 3 Brandonea and Sunny Lady, 4 Bacchante, 10 the others.

GRIFFIN PLATE—Distance 5 furlongs.

Winner Rs. 1000, second Rs. 300, third Rs. 200

For Griffins imported under the Madras Griffin scheme.

Annamalai Chettiar's SQUARE DRAW 7st. 12lbs. Harding 1
Yuvaraja of Mysore's GRAVITY 8st. 7lbs. 2
Mepherson Nicoll's PRIMER 9st. 3lbs. Brow 3
Raja of Sivaganga's CHINA MARKUS 7st. 12lbs. Robertson 4

Also Ran: Gounod 8st. 7lbs. (Car. 8st. 9lbs.) Wilublong 8st. (Car 8st. 11b.) Brilliant Orb 8st., Enshrine 7st. 12lbs. (Car 8st. 3lbs).

Won by 1-1|2, 1 1|2 lengths.
Time: 1 min. 4-3|5 secs.

Totalisator paid Rs. 75 for win, Rs. 19, Rs. 15 and Rs. 14 for places.

Betting: Evens Primer, 4 Gravity and Gounod, 8 the rest.

THE AYR PLATE—Distance 1 Mile.

Winner Rs. 1,200, second Rs. 200, third Rs. 200.

Handicap for horses in Class 3.

Khairaz's Love GLASS 8st 11lbs. S. Black 1
Raja of Parlakimedi's ROITOI 7st. 12lbs. Brown 2
Maharaja of Kolhapur's POSTS' DREAM 8st. 10lbs. Mepherson 3
Maharaja of Kolhapur's SAUCE 9st. May 4

Also Ran: Gold Currency 7st. 6lbs. (car 7st. 7lbs).

Won by neck 3|4 1-1|4 lengths.
Time: 1 min. 46-2|5 secs.

Totalisator paid Rs. 35 for win, Rs. 19 and Rs. 20 for places.

Betting: 2 Posts Dream and Roitoi, 4 Sauce, 5 Love Glass, 7 Gold Currency.

BUSHIRE PLATE—Distance 7 furlongs.

Winner Rs. 1200, second Rs. 300, third Rs. 200.

Handicap for Arabs in Class 2.

Sattar's LOOKHMAN 8st. 6lbs. Babajan 1
Maharajah of Kolhapur's RAMI 8st. 9lbs. Mepherson 2
Xavier's ALDER 8st. Beasley 3
Khairaz's GUINEA 9st 8. Black 4

Also Ran: Bhagsa Zenda 8st 6lbs. (car 8st. 8lbs.) Kletitor 8st 4lbs.

Won by one length 2 3|4 lengths.
Time: 1 min. 42-3|5 secs.

Totalisator paid Rs. 40 for win, Rs. 16 and 15 for places.

Betting: Evens Rami, 7 to 2 Lookhman, 4 the rest.

BEGINNERS'S PLATE—6 furlongs.

Winner Rs. 1000, second Rs. 300, third Rs. 200.

For Arabs which have not won race value of Rs. 1000 or over since 31st March 1924.

Messrs. Essajee's and Bird's THE EAGLE 7st. 11lbs. H. Black 1
Maharaja of Kolhapur's PROMISE Macpherson 2
Gahagan's AYALAN 8st. 2lbs. Donnelly 3
Rahim Noor's MAHOMED'S NOORI 8st. 6lbs. Mequade 4

Also Ran: Bruce 9st. 3lbs. Moonif 8st. 2lbs. Celerity 8st. Solidity 7st. 5lbs.

Won by 1-1|4, 1-1|2, 1|2 lengths.
Time: 1min. 26-3|5 secs.

Totalisator paid Rs. 69 for win, Rs. 17, 14, and Rs. 13 for places.

Betting 3 Ayalam, Promise 4, Bruce and the Eagle 5, Solidity longer odds others.

HINDUSTANI SEVA DAL CONFERENCE.

MR. GIDWANI TO PERFORM OPENING CEREMONY.

(From our Correspondent.)

HUBLI, Dec. 11.

Mr. Tulsi Charan Goswami, having undergone an operation, cannot open the Hindustani Seva Dal Conference at Gauhati. Acharya Gidwani will open the same. Mr. Goswami will join later. As important programmes about the Congress membership Campaign in the country by the Dal during next year will be formulated by the Conference all interested in the Dal are urged to attend without fail. The Dal office has been removed to Gauhati.

VICEROY IN CALCUTTA.

REPLY TO ADDRESSES.

CALCUTTA, Dec. 11.

In the course of an address presented to His Excellency the Viceroy this forenoon, the Bengal National Chamber of Commerce referred to His Excellency's interest in agriculture and said that agriculture and said that agriculture was the universal industry of India and in spite of loud demands for other industries, the Chamber thought, India like America might get her first start in international trade as an agricultural producer. The Chamber expressed hope that the question of the development of Indian industries, through Indians, would receive support. The Chamber, in conclusion, hoped that the Viceroy would perpetuate his memory by helping India in the attainment of self-government.

VICEROY'S REPLY.

"Recent years have seen giant strides in the industrial development of India and in his development, Indian enterprise, Indian brains, and Indian capital have taken their full share." The above statement was made by His Excellency Lord Irwin in the course of his reply to the Bengal National Chamber to-day.

In the course of his speech, His Excellency said: "As you truly say, Calcutta is supreme in the commercial world of the East and you need have no doubt that I shall fully appreciate the many opportunities it offers to a Viceroy, both of acquiring useful experience and enjoying its amenities. It is of the essence of a successful man of business to take quick decisions, to estimate risks at a moment's notice and his advice may always be counted on, to contain a large measure of that valuable quality, common sense. I am, therefore, very pleased to meet so early in my visit the representatives of the Indian mercantile community of Bengal. Although, Calcutta's fascinating history since its foundation by the enterprise of the Old John Company merchants, runs a strain of close co-operation between British and Indian industry.

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR TRADE SLUMP.

There have been ups and downs in business and experience has often been bought at the cost of disappointment and misfortune. The after-math of a world war, shook to the core those mushroom growths in which the old accepted rules of trading were disregarded in the pursuit of quick returns; but the great variety and number of interests which your Chamber represents to-day are sufficient indication that public confidence still attaches to the well-established Indian concerns. The storm you have weathered is now low on the horizon and I trust that a period of fair weather and favouring winds lie before you.

I thank you, gentlemen, for the grateful reference you have made to my family association with India and for the good wishes you have offered me in the task that lies before me. The next few years will, as you have said, be important years in Indian history. It is not for me to anticipate, even by conjecture, what may be the outcome of the statutory enquiry which must take place in the near future but I will reiterate my earnest desire that the passage of events between now and the date of that investigation will be such as to justify the hopes of those who are most concerned to see the future of India established upon unshakable foundations. I have no illusions as to the difficulties which will beset this path and it means much to me to know that in approaching them, I am followed by those kindly feelings which your Association, in common with many other bodies, have been good enough to express.

MARWARI ASSOCIATION'S ADDRESS.

The Marwari Association of Calcutta in the course of their welcome address this morning to His Excellency Lord Irwin, stated:

As a business community, we are vitally interested in the problem of Currency and Exchange. Unfortunately there is difference of opinion as to the merits of the recommendations of the Currency Commission. We are firmly of opinion that as it is a purely Indian question, Indian view-point should be given due consideration before any decision is reached. India exports more than she imports. About 80 per cent. of her population is engaged in agriculture, the key industry of the country and any measure that may adversely affect Indian exports in the world's markets or increase the burden of the producers will, we hope, be scrupulously avoided.

The address also referred to His Excellency's interest in agriculture and asked for adequate representation of Indian trade and commerce and of Indian minorities in Councils and provision of means to strike at the root of evil of communalism.

VICEROY'S REPLY.

"Little can be effected from without and the cure for this evil (communal dissensions) must come from a change of heart within." This was the reply given by His Excellency Lord Irwin to the address presented by the Marwari Association.

In the course of his speech, His Excellency said: A few hours spent in Calcutta are enough to impress the visitor with the wealth and enterprise of this great City and the labour and activity on which its prosperity is founded. I suppose that no single community has taken a greater share in this sphere of city life than the Marwari, whose spirit of commercial enterprise has led him and his ancestors to leave the plains of Rajputana and seek their fortune in distant parts of India.

THE KNOTTY PROBLEM OF CURRENCY.

I can well understand the interest which you take in the problems of currency and exchange and I observe that you are anxious lest the recommendations of the Currency Commission should adversely affect the Indian agriculturist. You may be sure that my Government is fully alive to the importance of this question and I need not repeat at length what I said at Cawnpore a few days ago to the Associated Chambers of Commerce. The stabilisation of the rupee will, I believe, greatly assist commercial progress by removing the factors of doubt and uncertainty, while the concentration of the management of both currency and credit in the hands of the reserve bank should be of real and permanent advantage to the agricultural and commercial interests of India. You may feel assured that such interests are a matter of deep concern to me and that I await with you the findings of the Royal Commission on Agriculture, in the full hope that they will show India the way to make a fuller use of the great potential resources with which she has been endowed.

A re-examination of the present system of representation in the provincial and central legislatures will be one of the first duties of the Statutory Commission and I feel confident that before making their recommendations, the Commission will give due weight to the importance of the adequate representation of commercial interests. I welcome the interest you take in, and the importance you attach to, the work of the Legislatures. India has need of her best men in the Councils of the nation and commerce can offer her the services of men, whose experience will be of the highest value.

COMMUNAL QUARRELS.

You have touched with a light hand on the topic of communal feelings although I know how deeply affected your community, like all others, has been, by the deplorable events in Calcutta during the past year. I have given earnest thought to the whole question and have tried to point out a path towards permanent reconciliation. But I am the first to acknowledge that little can be effected from without and that the cure for this evil must come from a change of heart within, I have already appealed to the better feelings of the two communities and shall content myself with repeating once more the assurance that the Government will maintain public peace and good order before any other consideration. The more confidence that is placed by the two communities in this unshaken resolve of my administration, the sooner will both sides learn the futility of turning themselves into armed camps and the sooner this regrettable tension will be relaxed and disappear.

REPLY TO MUSLIM ASSOCIATION'S ADDRESS.

The policy of the Government in their endeavour to redress communal inequalities was elaborated by His Excellency Lord Irwin in the course of his reply today to the address presented him by the Central National Muslim Association of Calcutta.

His Excellency said: The failure of the Moslems nearly 100 years ago to adapt themselves to the introduction of English as the court language and their adherence to the old system of Persian education, no doubt, retarded the progress and development of the community. It is all the more incumbent on it now to make up the leeway and it is in order to help them in this direction that the Government have taken such measures as were in their power. For the furtherance of higher Moslem education, a system of special scholarships has been created and special hostel accommodation provided. A first grade Government Arts College for Moslem students has been opened in Calcutta, with a staff mainly of their own faith while a department of Islamic studies has been opened in the University at Dacca. It is for leaders of the community, such as yourselves, to see that through the schools and colleges the Moslem should be guided to tread the road towards professional equality with his Hindu fellow citizens, and the more he seizes on the opportunities thus offered to him, the sooner will the whole community recover the ground lost by their earlier reluctance to take advantage of the new method of education.

COMMUNAL REPRESENTATION.

I did not fail to note the anxiety you expressed as to communal representation. It is too soon to foretell the lines on which the Statutory Commission will proceed. But I have no doubt that this question will be one of those which will claim their most anxious thought. In the meantime, I can assure you that the Government has no intention of making any change in the existing system and I can safely go further by giving you the assurance that no such step will be taken in future without inviting and careful considering the views of all communities which are likely to be affected.

As regards the representation of the Moslem community in Government services, it is necessary for me to distinguish between the All-India and central services with which the Government of India are concerned and the provincial services which are under the charge of local Governments. In both cases, it has been and is the practice of Government to proceed upon the principle of endeavouring, by some reservation of appointments, to redress communal inequalities and so to afford to each community an opportunity of taking part in the public service. So far as the central services are concerned, the general practice of the Government of India is to reserve one third of the vacancies for this purpose.

EFFICIENCY, THE FIRST CONSIDERATION.

There are two things which I must add. The first is that it is not possible and it would not be right for Government, whether central or provincial, to prefer communal claims before those of the efficiency of the public service.

The other thing I must add is this and I have already said much the same thing by implication. I would most earnestly beg the leaders of all communities to regard these devices of special representation in whatever field as a means to a great and not as an end in themselve

Free Press.

POSTERS GALORE ON ROUTES.

"HEART OF BENGAL BLEEDS"

CALCUTTA, Dec. 10.

The route through which Their Excellencies passed was thronged with men women and children and flags and buntings were conspicuous principally in the Marwari and and Mahomedan quarters of Northern Calcutta. At the junction of the Harrison Road and Central Avenue were stationed two armoured cars and fire brigade and an arch was formed by means of two fire escape ladders. Posters under construction at the crossing of Harrison Road and Central Avenue:—"The Heart of Bengal bleeds for the chained patriot and his comrades behind prison bars". Alongside of this was a representation of Mr. S. C. Bose (late Chief Executive Officer, Calcutta Corporation) behind bars. "Calcutta Corporation dissociates itself from the welcome to the Viceroy. Do you know why? Think of the Corporation's Chief Executive Officer in Mandalay prison". "The Public of Bengal fight for freedom" "fight for the release of political detenues". The crowd was so large at this crossing that it appeared doubtful if the Viceroy could see the posters.—A. P.

BOMBAY COUNCIL.

NOMINATION OF WOMEN MEMBERS.

To the Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—The welcome example set down by the Government of Madras in nominating Dr. Muthulaxmi Ammal to a seat in the Legislative Council is worthy of being followed by this Presidency. There would not be dearth of suitable lady candidates for the nomination. Owing to the extensive progress of female education and social reform in this Presidency, many suitable candidates could be had for the mere asking. Hitherto the Government has been making nominations on communal basis, but it is high time that in considering the claims of the various communities some thought be also give to the large section of the populace who have upto now remained unrepresented in the Councils. No one can reasonably expect that immediately after the removal of the sex disqualification a number of lady candidates would come in to fight with male competitors for seats in the Legislature. It is, therefore, due to them that the Government should recognise their claims and nominate at least one lady member. This would mean that one of the male Government nominees will have to be left out. But it need not be supposed that anyone would feel himself aggrieved at being left out to make place for a lady, especially a person like Sir Vasantrao Dabholkar who has been for some time past a Government nominee of Council Sir Vasantrao would not only not feel at all in the matter but would, on the other hand, be glad and over-joyed to find himself unseated to make a place for a member of the fair sex. During the last Schools Committee Election he was seen actively and energetically canvassing for a lady candidate and pressing for the inclusion of as many ladies as possible in our public bodies. Is it too much to expect that the chivalrous Knight would act up to his preaching and would strive for the nomination of a lady candidate in his place in the Council?—Yours etc.

A SOCIAL REFORMER.

ASSEMBLY AND COUNCIL ELECTIONS IN BEHAR

SWARAJISTS' GOOD ROUND UP

PATNA, Dec. 9.

The total strength of the Bihar and Orissa Legislative Council is 103, divided as follows: elected 76, ex-Officio 2 and nominated 25. Of the 76 elected seats 66 represent general constituencies (48 non-Mahomedan and 18 Mahomedan and 10 special constituencies.) Of the 49 candidates set up by the Congress, 36 have so far been successful. Of the 13 candidates set up by the Independent Congress Party, 5 have been successful. Only 5 results have yet to be announced. 44 new members and 27 old members have been elected. The position of parties is as follows: Swarajists and their supporters (including 6 Moslems) 36: Independent Congress Party 5: non-Swarajists 30. Of the 12 Assembly seats alloted to this province eight have so far been filled, of which Swarajists have captured 6 and non-Swarajists 2. Of these 1 is a new member while 7 old members have been re-elected. Following are Swarajist members:—Babu Gaya Prasad Singh. (For the Muzaffarpur cum Champaran non-Mahomedan constituency): Moulvi Md. Shafi. (Tirhut Division: Mahomedan): Maulvi Badiuzzaman, (Bhagalpur Division: Mahomedan), Babu Siddeswar Singh (Gaya cum Monghyr: non-Mahomedan). Babu Ganganand Singh (Bhagulpur Purnea and Santal Parganas: non-Mahomedan), Khan Bahadur Sarfaraz Hussain Khan (Patna and Chota Nagpur cum Orissa: Mahomedan).

Non-Swarajist members are: Babu Ambika Prashad Sinha Sharma, (Patna cum Shahabad: non-Mahomendan) and Raja Raghunandan Prasad Singh (Bihar and Orissa Landholders).—A. P.

COMMUNAL REPRESENTATION

ALMORA CHRISTIANS' OPPOSITION

BENARES, Dec. 10.

"This Association views with great alarm the resolution recently passed at Allahabad by the Provincial Christian Conference and this Association also thinks it detrimental to the best interests of the nation and the country."

The following resolution was passed unanimously by the Indian Christian Association, Almora, in reference to the resolution passed recently by the Provincial Christian Conference favouring communal representation.—F. P.

"SHOW FRIENDSHIP BY DEEDS."

LALAJI'S ADVICE TO LABOUR PARTY

LAHORE, Dec. 9.

Addressing a crowded meeting in the Sadanand Hall this evening on the British Labour Party and India Mr. Lawrence, Labour M. P., said that the Labour Party made no distinction between man and man, believing that man was more than money. He quoted with approval from the Viceroy's Cawnpore speech, that they could not afford to regard labour in impersonal character of ledger entries. His party stood for union, improvement in conditions of life and uplifting the standard of living for all. They believed in nationalisation of railways and mines. They resisted exploitation of classes and countries and races. The Labour Government could not carry out its programme, being dependent on the support of other parties.

Mrs. Lawrence who spoke next referred to the heavy infantile mortality in India and exhorted Indian woman to realise responsibility for baby life.

Lala Lajpatrai who presided declared that British Labour Party was the only party in England from whom Indian expected justice. That Party believed in freedom and liberty. But India had reason to feel dissatisfied at the action of Labour, who did not do India Justice. Perhaps the Labour Party was new in the art of Government or it wanted to establish its respectability. But whatever the explanation of their failure Indian's wished that party to do better next time. (Applause). Proceeding he said Labour was one all over the world, whether in India or China or Mandated territories and the British labour could never attain its aims unless conditions were improved everywhere. His message to that party was "We are your friends. We recognise you as our friends. But let that friendship be based on human interest and be shown in deeds and not only in words" —A. P.

HINDU SABHA & CONGRESS.

LALAJI SEES NO ANTAGONISM.

A Lahore, message of December 10th, says that in a signed article in "Bande Mataram" by Lala Lajpatrai declared that during the present elections Congress has suffered considerable loss of prestige owing Hindus being ranged in two groups, supporters of Congress and Hindu Sabha respectively. He sees no antagonism between the two organisations to stand in the way of their working side by side and shoulder to shoulder.—A. P.

"LLOYD'S FOLLY" AGAIN.

KAY COMMITTEE'S OPINION BRUSHED ASIDE.

SANCTION TO FILL UP BLOCK NO. 7

INDIAN MERCHANTS' CHAMBER'S PROTEST.

Apropos of the Government Press Note sanctioning the filling up of Block No. 7 of the Reclamation Area, the Secretary of the Indian Merchants Chamber has addressed the Government of Bombay, General Department, about the views of the Chamber.

According to the Committee of the Indian Merchants' Chamber, it would take 33 years completely to fill the area, after which the amount that could be realised, would be only Rs. 15 as against Rs. 25 per square yard, as the Government thinks. This, in the considered opinion of the Committee, would entail a loss of Rs. 2 crores.

About the sanction accorded by the Government the Secretary's reply says: The Committee are amazed that the Government should have sanctioned the reclamation of Block No. 7 in spite of the recommendation to the contrary of a Committee appointed by themselves and in spite of the public opinion against the reclamation of further blocks.....''

REPLY TO GOVT. PRESS NOTE.

Mr. J. K. Mehta, Secretary, the Indian Merchants' Chamber, has addressed the following to the Secretary to the Government of Bombay, General Department, in reply to the Government Press Note regarding the Back Bay Reclamation:

Sir,—My Committee have considered the Press Note issued by the Government of Bombay regarding the Back Bay Reclamation Scheme, sent with your letter of the 29th October, 1926, No. B-1|8.L. They are sorry that the Government have come to the conclusion that the balance of advantage is in favour of the completion of Block No. 7 and have accordingly decided to proceed with dredging from the harbour into Block No. 7 during the coming season.

GOVERNMENT'S INDISCRETION.

The Report of the Kay Committee, obviously formed the basis of the interim report of the Mears Committee. That Committee observed in their report that with a present value of R45.50 lakhs and a recoupment of R36.97 lakhs the reclamation and development of this area is not a paying proposition: They also thought that by the time this land might reasonably be expected to be required for "the expansion of the City" or "as a necessary open space for recreation," the interest charges plus the cost of reclamation by dredging would have amounted to a sum which would exceed the cost of dry filling at that date. They recommend therefore that it would be more economical not to fill the area now by dredging, but to proceed with the reclamation by dry filling, as and when it might be required. The Mears Committee, while they thought that the dredging cost of 8 annas per cubic yard would be much below the cost of any other method of filling at some future date and that the dredging plant was available on the spot and that the superior staff could not be dispensed with without six months' notice, were impressed with the uncertainty regarding the date and rates at which the land, if reclaimed, could be disposed of and felt doubtful if it would be a sound proposition financially. They, however, instead of giving any decision themselves left it to the local Government to decide whether any action and, if so, what should be taken in respect of this Block.

My Committee consider it unfortunate that the Government should exercise their discretion in this manner, brushing aside the opinion of the Kay Committee and the consensus of public opinion.

FIGURES NOT ACCEPTABLE.

My Committee have worked out all the figures with regard to the probable cost of and realisation from the Block No. 7. They have accepted for this purpose reclamation figures given in the Government Press Communique as also the figures relating to the development given in the same and accepted by the Kay Committee. My Committee cannot, however, accept, for very sufficient reasons, the figures with regard to the realization from Block No. 7. It must be remembered that Blocks Nos. 1 and 2 will also be on the market from 1930. Blocks Nos. 1 and 2 are at least near the residential area and even for them the Kay Committee does not put down a bigger figure than 20,000 sq. yards per annum as the probable sale. Taking this, however, to be the most likely figure of sale, my Committee cannot at all agree that Block No. 7 which is so much further off from all these residential areas should also have an annual sale of 20,000 square yards. Not only is there this difficulty but there is also the further difficulty in the shape of big plots of land like the 45,000 yards set free by the removal of the Cotton Green to Sewri in the possession of the Port Trust, one lakh yards in the possession of the B. B. and C. I. Railway, 35,500 yards in the possession of the G. I. P. Railway and nearly one lakh yards of net building area in the possession of the Colaba Land and Mill Company. My Committee, therefore, take as the probable estimates of disposal of the land in Block No. 7: 5,000 yards for the first five years; 7,000 years; 7,000 yards for the next five years; 10,000 yards for the first five years; 7,000 yards for the next five years; 10,000 yards for the next five years; 15,000 yards for the next five years; 20,000 yards for the next seven years and the balance of 15,000 yards for the last year. My Committee consider that all who give serious thought to this problem will agree that these estimates are not, by any means, unduly pessimistic but are framed after due consideraton of all the circumstances. Blocks Nos. 1 and 2 may attract certain classes of business, but Block No. 6 is too far off for business purpose. The estimate, therefore, prepared by my Committee appears to them to be reasonable and in accordance with the probabilities. They cannot agree that the land in Block No. 7 can fetch R25 per square yard, the figures accepted by the Kay Committee and the Government Press Note, and they agree with the Dissenting Minute of Mr. Lalji Naranji that an average of only R15 is to be looked for and have, therefore, taken R15 as the probable average price of sale for all the plots of land on this Block. Making their calculations accordingly they find that it will take at least 33 years to dispose of all the plots in Block No. 7 and that at the end of this period there will be found to be a loss of R2 crores accruing to the State from all these transactions. All these figures are worked out and shown in the Appendix-A., attached hereto.

SELF-STULTIFICATION.

Taking all these factors into consideration my Committee are firmly of opinion and conviction that the reclamation of Block No. 7 should not be proceeded with at present. The Government have before them the sad record of the mismanagement and mishandling with regard to the Back Bay Reclamation and have, my Committee hope, realised the disastrous effects this reclamation has already had on the trade and industries of the City and finances of the Presidency. My Committee, are, therefore, amazed that the Government should have sanctioned the reclamation of Block No. 7, in spite of the recommendation to the contrary of a Committee appointed by themselves and inspite of the public opinion against the reclamation of further blocks till the results of Blocks Nos. 1 and 2 are known and justified such further work."

CALCUTTA UNIVERSITY'S WELCOME.

DELEGATES' SERVICES EULOGISED.

CALCUTTA, Dec. 10.

The senators of the Calcutta University, to-day accorded very cordial welcome to Sir J. C. Bose, Sir P. C. Rai, Professor Radakrishnan, and Dr. Bagchee, who went to attend as their delegates to British Universities Congress.

Sir Devaprasad Sarbadhikari in paying eloquent tributes to them said that they had done very distinguished work in their different spheres of life in Great Britain and their work was well appreciated and highly spoken of there. Professor Radhakrishnan was specially asked to deliver lectures at Oxford which evoked enthusiastic appreciation. Professor Radhakrishnan and Dr. S. N. Das Gupta were their delegates at the Herbert Philosophical Congress and they also made their mark there.—A. P.

DEVELOPMENT OF WIRELESS

RUGBY, DEC. 10

Senators Marconi believes that during the next quarter of a century, developments in means of obtaining directional wireless transmission and reception will probably be as great as advances made in other directions, since trans-Atlantic wireless communication was established 25 years ago. In an interview to-day he emphasized the advantageous position of modern investigators compared with that of the pioneers who were without values, amplifiers superpersensitive heterodyne sets, directional transmitters and receivers and means of making continuous wars. Apart from ordinary transmission adn reception of wireless messages there was the possibility that transmission of power over moderate distance might be developed in the near future and transmission would become an actuality.—B. O. W.

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REGULATION OF REPORTS.

DIVORCE CASES PUBLICATION.

BILL IN COMMONS.

LONDON, Dec. 10.

An animated discussion in the House of Commons to-day ended in reading the third time without discussion of the judicial proceedings (regulation of reports) bill, the object of which is to prevent the publication of certain matter in connection with divorce cases which might be injurious to public morals.

FOREIGN NEWSPAPERS.

Asked whether the introduction of foreign newspapers containing matter the publication of which was prohibited under the bill would constitute an offence, the Solicitor-General refrained from expressing a conclusive opinion. He said the question could be argued in law courts but thought that people responsible for the introduction of such newspapers might conceivably be charged with publication within the meaning of the act. The Solicitor-General also argued that the reporter who was responsible for sending the offending material abroad might properly be charged if his material returned to Britain in imported foreign or dominion newspapers.

MATRIMONIAL PROCEEDINGS.

Sir Henry Slesser (Labour) moved an amendment that the sub-section dealing with the publication of the offending material abroad should not apply to publications imported into Britain. He pointed out that the bill contemplated judicial proceedings anywhere in the world. The trial in Berlin or Paris might be reported in a publication imported into Britain thus practically every foreign newspaper publishing proceedings of matrimonial kind was imperilled.

Sir Ellis Hume Williams (Conservative) seconded the amendment.

Mr. Rhys Davis (Labour) opposed the amendment, declaring if the amendment was carried, most of the British newspapers would be printed abroad.

Col. Wedgwood Benn (Liberal) displayed the copies of Canadian, Australian and French newspapers which, he said, might be affected by the bill. He said it was vital for the creation of free opinion in Britain that we should have access to these newspapers.

The Solicitor-General promised that the law would be administered in the commonsense fashion after which Sir Henry Slesser's amendment was negatived without a division.—Reuter.

CANADIAN CONFEDERATION JUBILEE

PRINCE OF WALES ACCEPTS INVITATION

OTTAWA, Dec. 10.

Opening the Parliament, the Governor-General, Lord Willingdon, announced that the Prince of Wales had accepted the invitation of the Canadian Government to visit Canada in 1927 in connection with the jubilee celebration of the Canadian Confederation.—Reuter.

CALCUTTA IMPROVEMENT TRUST.

DEMOCRATISATION A "DANGER."

LONDN, Dec. 10.

Speaking at a reading of a paper on the Calcutta Improvement Trust by Mr. Bompas at the Society of Arts Sir Hugh Stephenson, Governor-designate of Behar and Orissa, drew attention to the great value of arterial roads constructed by the Trust in assisting the preservation of law and order in Calcutta as illustrated by facilities these roads had afforded to the police in recent communal riots. Sir Hugh said the work of the Trust had been successful because people in Calcutta had learned to believe in the soundness of judgment and singleness of purpose of Mr. Bompas. But one of the dangers in the path of the Trust was attempts of the Swarajist Party to alter its constitution on lines purporting to democratise it. Their efforts on these lines in the Bengal legislature this year had not matured but the danger had still to be faced.

Mr. C. F. Payne, ex-Chairman of the Calcutta Corporation and now surveyor and valuer in London referring to the Trust's payment of £ 5000 sterling per acre for undeveloped and undrained land for suburban schemes for displaced population said that his recent experience had made him marvel how such projects could be made even moderately successful at price. The suburban land round London with good road frontage, main drainage and all modern conveniences fetched roughly a thousand to 1700 sterling per acre and undeveloped land from 200 to 300 sterling. On the contrary land in the centre of Calcutta was comparatively cheap as judged from London standards.—Reuter.

HOSPITAL DAY AT CALCATTA.

CALCUTTA, Dec. 11.

Calcutta is observing Hospital Day to-day. Medical students in be-flagged lorries, with music, have been marching through the streets, visiting houses, and making collections in aid of the poor and needy hospitals of Calcutta. Last year's collection was allocated between 20 hospitals.—F.P.

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SIKH MARTYR'S DAY IN DELHI.

PROCESSION PASSES OFF QUIETLY

(From Our Correspondent.)

DELHI, Dec. 9.

Delhi which was seething with intense excitement since the morning on account of the proposed disobedience to official orders in respect of a Sikh procession this afternoon was allayed at last when in the evening Sikh leaders appealed to the people to resist the temptation of stayagraha at present in view of the other questions engaging their attention.

SIKH MARTYRS' DAY.

To-day is the Sikh Martwys' day and is of special interest to the Sikhs of India who celebrate it with awe and reverence in reverent memory of Guru Teck Chand who was murdered in cold blood by Aurangazeb in his palmy days in a locality over which a temple has now been built Every year Sikhs of Delhi take out a procession to celebrate what they consider a holy day. Special interest was attached to this year's procession because the route was to be such as would involve disobedience of civil law of the city.

THE TWO ROUTES.

There are generally two routes either of which, it was expected, may be followed. The police permitted Sikhs to take their procession by what the former alleged to be, the old time honoured route, namely to Rikhabanj in Raisina. A section of Akalis were, however, insistent upon taking the route through Chandni Chowk, the prohibited area. The arrival this morning of yantsing, and Ramsingh, Secretary and joint Secretary of the Akali Jathas, respectively.

Late in the evening without announcing their decision, Sardar Harisingh, Gyani Gurumukh Singh and others waited on the Deputy Commissioner of Delhi and explained to him the unreasonableness of the Government view, and pointed out that Moulana Mahomed Ali and Khawaja Abdul Majeed had issued a message earlier in the day which was broadcast all over the city to the effect that the Mussalmans should not have any objection to the procession proceeding along the mosque, and point Gyan Gurumukh Singh, Secretary of the Akali Dal, Amritsar, and Sardar Hari Singh of Jullunder gave rise to a lot of speculation. Although the procession was timed for 3 p. m. nothing came off till late evening because the leaders were engaged in a conference discussing their attitude. In the mean which the District Magistrate of Delhi served orders on thirty-three Sikhs under the Police Act prohibiting them from taking part or directing any procession save the one for which alone the police were prepared to grant a license. Prominant among them are Sardar Gurubaksh Singh, Mr. Patni, Sardar Balwant Singh, Surendrasingh (vakil) Harisingh Being out that it was only Government that were creating trouble. The Deputy Commissioner refused to listen to all these arguments.

SIKH LEADERS' ADVICE.

Later in the evening, before a monster meeting, opposite the local Gurudwara, Sardar Gurubaksh Singh and Sardar Bejant Singh appealed to the Sikh leaders to permit them to resort to Satyagraha and Civil Disobedience. Sardar Gyani Gurumukh Singh, speaking on behalf of the chief head quarters of the Sikh community, refused permission although he very much appreciated the Sikh position which to his mind was a simple question of asserting constitutional rights. However, in view of the fact that the Akali Dal was now engaged in the task of getting their leaders released in the Punjab, it was hardly possible now to devote attention to two matters.

He, therefore, appealed to the Sikhs to follow the old route, and obey the law assuring them at the sam etime that later on, if necessary, his dal would give them permission to resort to Satyagraha. A few Sikhs dissented, but the majority accepting Gurumukh Singh's advice, the procession took the old route and thus avoided an excitement. It is noteworthy that the police were keeping their heads cool all the while though they had in reserve a large posse of constables. They had decided not to arm them and also not to fire. Much credit is due to Rai Saheb Devidayal, the D. S. P. who managed the situation tactfully and without giving offence.

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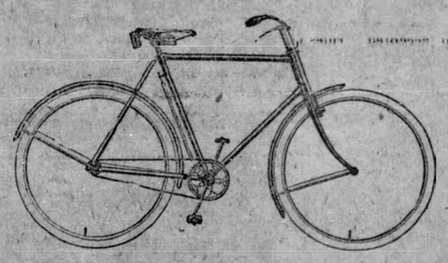

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MUSIC HALL TRAGEDY

ACTRESSES BURNED TO DEATH

LONDON, Dec. 11.

Rome.—Four actresses have been burned to death in Apollo Music Hall. The fire was due to short circuit started on the stage at the height of the performance and within a few second the entire hall was ablaze. The audience succeeded in escaping by various exits. A roar of flames and screams of women were heard in the adjoining Elisio Theatre, where the audience of 1,000 were panic stricken and stampeded, but were quickly reassured that they were in no danger. They marched from the theatre to the tune of "Royal March." The dead actresses, one of whom was a German, had left the stage and were trapped in dressingrooms.—Reuter.

MUSIC BEFORE MOSQUE

DUTY OF THE STATE

MADRAS, December 10.

The action of the District Magistrate of Nellore in prohibiting the Hindus from taking procession with music during the Dusserah along public streets in which there were mosques was commented by Mr. Justice Wallace who dismissed the Revision Petition today at the Madras High Court on the ground that the time mentioned in the Magistrate's order had expired, in the following terms:

"It is the obvious duty of the State to safeguard civil rights established in courts. Failure to do this is failure to do duty. Public peace and tranquillity are doubtless paramount; but in the present circumstances the Hindus had applied for permission months in advance. The Magistrate, if he had apprehended trouble, must have bound Muslims over for good behaviour. The Magistrate should have exhausted every measure at his disposal to uphold Hindu civil rights before passing a prohibitory order."—Free Press.

The first Maharashtra Provincial Music Conference, organised by the Ghandarva Maha-Vidyalaya, will take place on the 13th, 14th and 15th instant at the Cowasji Jehangir Hall. Concerts by expert professional musicians, coming from various parts of India, as also by local musicians of note, will be given. Besides Pandit Vishnu Digamber, the following will also take part. Prof. Dhundiraj (Nasik) Prof. Purohit (Wai). Masters Bedekar and Ramkrishna Rates of ticket etc for each concert are Rs. 5, 3, 2, 1 and Ans. 8. Season tickets. Rs. 20, 12, 8, and 2.

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